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Clinton runs but can't hide from questions over 'embarrassing' secret



Health hazard... President Clinton jogging in Washington this week with secret service agents

Mystery as White House refuses to release president's full medical file

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

PRESIDENT Clinton became the centre of an embarrassing guessing game yesterday as White House officials refused to release his medical records — admitting they contained a secret whose revelation would compromise

his "dignity". The White House press secretary, Mike McCurry, said he of details would be too embarhad every right to hold back rassing for publication. Mr posed himself to her during a details no one "would want McCurry eventually cited hotel room encounter in 1991,

Keith Harper and Richard Miles

HOUSANDS

after it emerged vesterday

that the Government was

guilty of raiding the compa-ny's pension scheme when it

was privatised 10 years ago.

The pensions ombudsman, Julian Farrand — appointed

by the Social Services Secre

tary, Peter Lilley, to investi-

gate complaints from the pub-

lic — has instructed trustees

HE Prince of Wales's

crusade against environ-mental "uglification"

and architectural eyesores

brought him into open con-

flict with Britain's hoteliers

Attacking damage caused by the international boom in

tourism, the Prince claimed

National Bus pension-

ers are in line for a

£200 million payout

spread out on the front page". | Despite Republican demands for full disclosure, officials have only released sum-maries of Mr Clinton's health history. The Republican presidential candidate, Bob Dole, has issued all his medical records. Unnamed Republican sources suggested Mr Clin-ton's medical files might

reveal past drug use. Pressed by journalists to give an example of what kind

Bus pensioners could gain

by up to £1,000 a year after trustees disperse the money

"with interest windfall", un-

less ministers appeal against the ruling, although industry

sources suggest this would be unlikely to succeed.

able embarrassment to minis-

ters. The Government plun-dered the fund's huge surpluses when the industry

was privatised in 1986. Later,

the National Audit Office ruled the bulk of the money

Mediterranean coastlines have been spoilt by "bad-man-nered development." But his comments, in an

article for the Green Hotelier magazine, prompted Jeremy Logie, chief executive of the

British Hospitality Association, which represents 20,000

hotels and restaurants, to say: "As far as hotel architec-

The case will be a consider-

Treasury.

"things like rectal exams", and there were "distinguish- lieve it first struck in the mid-taking pains to make clear he ling characteristics" in his 1980s, and was exhibited by ing characteristics" in his was not speaking specifically

to "take all possible steps" to | raised from the National Bus | following the Robert Maxwell | quence of pressure improprecover the money from the | sell-off came from the wind- | scandal, where thousands of | erlv brought by the National

unscrupulous employers | breach of trust, and the conse-

Prince swipes at 'ugly and bad-mannered' hotels

about Mr Clinton. Former president Jimmy Carter's image took a blow when it emerged that he suf-fered from haemorrhoids. Speculation also centred on

whether a genital condition might be the problem. A former Arkansas state employee. Paula Jones — who is suing the president for sexual harassment — claims he ex-posed himself to her during a

Government plundered pension fund's huge surpluses when industry privatised

Bus pensioners set for £200m

ing up of the pension fund.

It is not the first time that

the Government has pocketed

scheme of a privatised com-pany. In 1994, it took an esti-

mated £2 billion out of the for-mer British Coal pension

funds in return for a guaran-tee that pensions would be linked to the rate of inflation.

The ruling comes as the De-partment of Social Security is pushing through reforms to

protect the members of com-

pany pension schemes from

are primarily commercial

concerns and have to be built

in a certain way. It's up to

planning authorities to say whether a hotel is unsightly."

The Green Hotelier is pub-lished by the Prince of Wales

Business Leader's Forum as

part of its International

genital area.

Asked whether the presi-dent had ever been treated for a sexually transmitted disease, Mr McCurry said such treatment would already have been disclosed.

History suggests several of Mr Clinton's predecessors were no more forthcoming over their health records. There is considerable debate over when Ronald imagemakers told him a

workers' pensions were si-phoned off to prop up the media mogul's failing busi-

ness empire.
Dr Farrand revealed his de-

cision earlier this week in a

letter to Jimmy Knapp, leader of the Rail, Maritime and

Transport Union, many of whose members are victims

The letter confirms the complaint against the action

has been upheld. "The amendment to the rules of the

scheme was found to be in

In the article, headed Para-

dise Lost?, the Prince has written: "For many places the

process of uglification

through insensitive develop-ment for mass tourism and

the destruction of natural en-

vironments, townscapes, and

fragile eco-systems have dem-onstrated ... the limits of sustainability.

"Every reader can think of

of the raid.

1980s, and was exhibited by frequent memory lapses.

plagued by severe backache. but the fact was kept from the American electorate. Dwight Eisenhower's heart attack in office was similarly minimised, while Franklin Roosevelt concealed his polio condition from the public.

Mr Clinton likes to jog, but rarely runs in public. His Reagan began to suffer from flushed, sweaty demeanour Alzheimer's disease. Some be- looked unpresidential.

erly brought by the National Bus Company," said Dr

His letter says that he does

not have the resources to make copies of his decision

publicly available, but gives

the trustees the authority to recoup the money with inter-

depressing examples of insen-sitive hotel buildings con-structed for purposes of short-term economy, international brand marketing, and maxi-mising of capacity, based on designs originated unthink-ingly in the confines of an in-

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directed at the high-rise — the Depa buildings of the 1970s than vironment."

ternational head office." But some suggest the Prince's comments are better

party's foundation.

Lew Adams, leader of the train drivers' union Aslef, said he was "fed up to the teeth with the way our conference has been persistently hi-jacked by politicians who keep talking about an evolving relationship with the trade unions, which keeps

est. He says the money was originally handed over to the Department of Transport. Mr Knapp said: "This is ansecretary of the building workers' union Ucatt, said the threat of a breach with other example of a huge pen-sions fund raid by political cowboys who have no conthe unions would only benefit Arthur Scargill's breakaway cern for people who have given loyal years of service."

Jonathan Bodlender, chair-

man of hotel consultant com-pany Horwath, said hotels

were not the worst architec-tural offenders in central Lon-

don. "One of the worst exam-ples of appalling architecture is the government building in

Battered unions cut adrift

Labour faces TUC anger

PERMANENT rupture between Labour and the trade unions, relationship tha has shaped British politics for most of this century, is in sight after senior party sources acknowledged that the historic link could be severed after the

In the face of increasingly half-hearted Labour denials of contingency plans to cut ties, the endgame of this week's drive by Tony Blair and his lieutenants at the the growing gap between party and unions became

After Stephen Byers Labour's employment spokes man, briefed journalists at the TUC in Blackpool on how strikes, sources close to Mr Blair emphasised that the would continue to change and acknowledged that cutting the ties over time was one option, though an early breach

was unlikely. In recent years, the Labour leader has privately made no secret of his view that a modern party should part com-pany from the unions.

Mr Byers refused to speculate whether the unions would still have their places on Labour's national executive and vote at party conference at the end of a first term in office. He would only say there were 'no plans at the moment' to break the alliance which has put organised labour and class-based poli-tics centre-stage since the

Union leaders were furious at the reports, which dominated the last day of the TUC. evolving until we disappear". George Brumwell, general

Socialist Labour Party. John Monks. TUC general secre-

London 1986

a rolled up newspaper. London 1992 Nell Kinnock's row with Jo Smith over tax plans

Neil Kinnock is accused of

headbutting one of two men who hit him over the head with



Wednesday night and sparks

tary, said Labour had caused "confusion, not clarity" during the week. The reports that the Labour

leadership was preparing to break the historic links in response to an expected rash of public sector strikes in the first few months of a Labour government were based on comments made by Mr Byers at a dinner with four lobby journalists in Blackpool. All stood by their stories | page 14

out any move to discipline or demote Mr Byers — as called for by John Edmonds, the GMB general union leader who is one of the Labour lead er's most enthusiastic sup-

One senior Labour source claimed Mr Byers had come close to being sacked, though that was strongly denied last night by Mr Blair's office. ployment secretary David Blunkett was described as incandescent with rage over the fact that Mr Byers had given an unauthorised briefing, but he was asked by Mr Blair not to intervene. John Prescott. the party's deputy leader, dis-missed Mr Byers as a "junior minister''

The Byers briefing comes after a week of high tension unions at the TLC where Mr. Blunkett caused consternation earlier in the week by suggesting no-strike, binding arbitration agreements for requirement to re-ballot where an employer makes a "significant" new offer.

That was followed by a counter-briefings. But there was also little doubt that Labour politicians had deliberately gone to the TUC to provoke a high-profile row in

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Owen Bowcott

The British Government was legal action from the European Commission over

World News Iraq sought to fend off the threat of American air attacks last night, saying it would abide by rules of expanded

no-fly zones.

making typewriters. Olivetti risks ending it as a victim of its successor — the ... personal computer.

Miguel Angel Nadel is expected to sign for Manchester United next week ... despite failing to agree personal terms with them in summer.

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east European cities, and Prince Charles is being com-Mediterranean coastlines mercially unrealistic. Hotels

Marsham Street which has been home to — of all people — the Department of the En-

Warning by EU on cattle imports

Stephen Bates in Brussels

HE British Government was warned yes-terday it could face legal action from the European Commission to force the UK to accept cattle imports from other member

The ban on imports of cattle aged over 30 months was in-troduced earlier this year in response to the EU's worldwide embargo on all British cattle and beef exports, but the Commission has said it will draw up plans to initiate infringement proceedings if the Government does not

change its policy. EC "infringement" proceedings ultimately could drag Britain before the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, where it already has its own case contesting the EU's right to impose an import ban on British beef.

The latest twist in the BSE row between Britain and the Commission could scarcely have come at a worse time. Douglas Hogg, the Agricul-ture Minister, is due to meet Franz Fischler, the EU agri-culture commissioner, on Monday prior to a ministerial council meeting in Brussels at which he hopes to persuade other member states to accept the reduction in the cattle

In Brussels a British official said yesterday: "It is going to be very difficult. I 30 months has now reached would be surprised if any of 450,000, but the slaughter of them agreed to a cut in the up to 147,000 other cattle nominated as being at risk of

At the commission, Gerry Kiely, the agriculture spokesman, said a number of the November deadline countries were being targeted agreed at Florence.

as a result of bans arising out of the BSE crisis, but the Brit ish case was the most blatant single market. France and Spain are likely

to face proceedings after ban-ning all imports of meat and bonemeal. So is the German state of North Rhine Westphalia for banning British milk

imports. Britain falls foul of the single market regulations because, although its exports are banned, it cannot unilaterally stop imports from other member states.

Mr Kiely said: "We have a single market in which agreement has to be reached before such things can be done. There is no agreement on this trade ban. It is a clear breach of the rules. You can expect a big package of infringement

In Brussels, the Cabinet's decision to reduce the size of the cattle cull is seen as a tac-it acceptance that the export ban is unlikely to be lifted before the general election and that the Government believes there is no advantage to be gained in proceeding with the cull agreed by John Major at the Florence EU summit in

culling order through Parlia-ment before the summer recess and are thought unlikely to be able to do so in the face of Euro-sceptic Tory

rity apparatus. BSE has yet to begin, with no

His 'Tigers' preyed on two peoples during the Balkan war, but Arkan claims he preaches ethnic tolerance Serb warlord pleads his innocence

BELGRADE paramilitary leader and politician whose units cleansing of the Bosnian and Croatian wars, claims he is an advocate of "ethnic tolerance and respect for other religious and ethnic groups". In a letter in today's Guard-

ian, Zelko Raznjatovic, aka Arkan, denies that he is a war criminal. In December 1991, the former United States secretary of state, Lawrence Eagleburger, described him as a suspected war criminal. by the prosecutor's office of the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague ... I have not been indicted for any war crime nor, as I understand it, is it the pres-

tor that I should be so indicted." Arkan states. He objects to two articles in the Guardian reporting that western and British funds for Bosnian parties competing in today's elections include do-nations to his Belgrade-based Serbian Unity Party, and that

he is a war criminal. "My party is ... entirely worthy of funding," he says. Arkan set up his notorious Tigers militia shortly after war broke out in Croatia in August 1991, after long years as a linchpin of the Belgrade with the old Yugoslav secu-

His well-equipped paramilitaries, based in Erdut, northern Serbia, played a prominent role in besieging and looting the Croatian town of Vukovar in the autumn of



A bodyguard ducks as Zelko Raznjatovic, aka Arkan, fires his Magnum revolver out of the sunroof of his car on his wedding day in Serbia last year

reported how Arkan's men stripped factories, ware-

Human rights watchers ciates in Serbia for war point out that The Hague tribunal has not yet indicted. An official at the Humani-

Belgrade, which investigates | alleged war crimes and sup-plies information to The

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Forecast for the cities Around the world

European weather outlook Low pressure over the Baltic will maintain wet and Low pressure over the saltic will maintain wet and windy weather over southern Finland and southern Sweden. All other areas should be mostly dry and cool with aunny spells, but light rain will spread into northern Norway. Max temps ranging from 7C in the far north to 13C in south-west Norway.

Low Countries, Germany, Austria,
Switzerland.

Today should be mostly dry with a mix of clouds and sunshine - just a few showers in the east and north-east. Max temps ranging from ISC in the fer north to 24C along the Mediterranean coast.

Spain and Portugal:

A cold front will bring scattered thundery showers and a sharp drop in temperature today, although the AEgean islands and south-east of mainland will be mostly line and very warm. Max temps ranging from 19C in the north-west to 28C on Crete.

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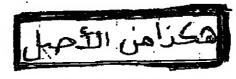
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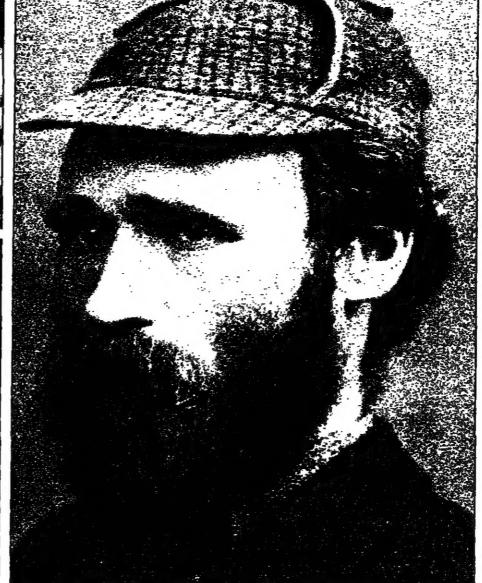
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TUC general secretary John Monks (top left) and Labour deputy leader John Prescott at Blackpool this week. New Labour's leadership under Tony Blair is preparing to wrest the party, founded by Kier Hardie (centre), from the control of a labour, here drawn up at party conference in 1965 (top right). Previous leader Neil Kinnock (below left) waged an increasingly bitter fight for control against traditional Labour strongholds such as the mineworkers' union (below right)

Disputed restaurant briefing signals end of historic link with Labour

How unions found they were on menu

abour and the TUC

HEN Stephen Byers sat down to a plate of nalists at Blackpool's Seafood Restaurant on Wednesday night, he laid the ground for what is likely to become a watershed in Labour's 96year-old relationship with the

trade unions. The party's amputation from the trade union move-ment that founded it is a cen-Blair "project". The outraged demands of union leaders for Tony Blair to rule out the break are therefore bound to fall on deaf ears.

Despite some local difficulties yesterday with shadow cabinet members and union leaders, there can be no serious doubt that Mr Byers and by extension Tony Blair floated the prospect of severing the union link deliberately to capitalise on a week of unprecedented Labour "union

In contrast with Mr Blair's love in with business people the previous week, the Labour leadership went to Blackpool to highlight the growing gulf between it and the trade union movement. And although David Blunkett came unstuck on the detail of his schemes for no-strike deals and compulsory rebal-loting, his intervention was transparently aimed at creating the same impression. Mr to the TUC conference to pro-

particularly partial to the long-established practice of floating, denying and then implementing sensitive policy changes — the U-turn on the Scottish devolution referenand the events of the past few

days follow that pattern.

New Labour has proved the party and unions by mobi-

For all yesterday's frenetic denials, the claim attributed to Mr Byers — the member of Labour's employment team closest to Mr Blair - that the Labour leadership is prepar-ing to sever the links between

lising individual members in made any secret in private of a post-election ballot is his view that the unions' consoundly based. Only the timing remains in question.

As with the row created by Mr Blunkett's roller-coaster proposals to curb public sec tor strikes, few trade unionists will believe that Mr Byers's TUC restaurant briefing was anything other than a calculated attempt to widen the gap between party and final rupture is firmly on the

stitutional role in the party is inappropriate for a modern political organisation. He ar gued that case openly in meet-ings with union leaders during Labour's last great constitutional spat over the unions' involvement in parliamentary selections in 1993. That involvement was duly junked, the unions' share of the vote at Labour conference

This week's

points of dispute:

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minimum wage of £4,26-when Tony Blair asked it

disputes involving public

party leadership elections. In the wake of the "one member: that no further moves were the wake of the "one member-one vote" row, John Smith called a halt to the argument and wooed the unions with a Transport and General Workraft of new employment rights policies.

Mr Blair has mostly dropped those commitments and accelerated the drive to with the unions that set Labour apart from other European socialist and social-

Mr Blair himself has never | members introduced into | share of the conference vote | idea that Mr Blair could end | unions as one of the two mos nade any secret in private of | party leadership elections. In | to 50 per cent on condition | the relationship, because the | serious issues — along with made this side of the election. Bill Morris, leader of the

ers' Union, warned that the unions were drawing a line in it is simply not on the the sand at 50 per cent, though Mr Blair insisted the issue remained open. Policy

weaken the historic links making has since effectively been transferred from the national executive and conference to the leader's office. loting of individual union | the unions agreed to cut their | terday poured scorn on the

Links between Labour and the unions:

conferences. Figure has fallen from 70 per cent since Tony Blair became leader.

O Unions have 50 per cent of the vote at Labour Party

141 Labour MPs are sponsored by trade unions. C Labour receives more than 25 million a year from unions -

Millions of union members pay a political lavy which helps to fund Labour campaigns.

O Unions have one-third of the vate in elections for Labour's leader and deputy leader.

There are 12 union members on Labour's 29 member NEC. Labour party income

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word. 'It is just not within his power," one remarked 'Any proposal would need the consent of the unions and

That view is almost cer tainly wrong. The scenario sketched out by Mr Byers mirrors exactly the tactics used by Mr Blair last year to ditch Labour's Clause Four commitment to common ownership. He won that issue by a landslide in the constituency parties, but only just se-cured a majority of union

Many more unions would be likely to oppose breaking conference vote would be the union-party link than voted against dropping financial support, which pro-

affiliated unions — compared with 70 per cent when Clause Four was ahandered. Blair could probably rely on the traditional lack of enthusiasm for the union link among individual members to offset a larger union majority against a break.

years. In Mr Byers's scenario. As for the trade unions, the rupture would be forced they have too much invested through as punishment for industrial action in the public sector, where wage pressures are building up after years of

 that would face an incom ing Labour government. Labour and union leaders have speculated that Mr Blair may even pick an early fight with the public sector unions

But union officials said vesterday they regarded a confrontation next summer, immediately after a May election, as implausibly early. In any case, an organisational break with the unions would

Far more difficult for Mr Blair than winning a party Clause Four, though a minute ity — such as the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union — could be expected to back the change.

Some with only 50 per cent of the campaign in the counter of the campaign in vides half the party's annual income, multi-million pound donations to the general elec-

is going to be able to match that, so state funding of politi-cal parties would be an absolute precondition of ending the union link. Although it has been Labour policy for Added to that would be Mr several years. Mr Blair may find that difficult to get past Labour prime minister for 18 some of his backbenchers.

in a Labour victory to go beyond ritual expressions of dis-may for the meantime. But in the longer term, the growing breach with Labour is certain Tory pay squeezes.

Senior Labour sources have to have a profound impact on said they regard potential both sides — and the whole demands from public sector structure of British politics.

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Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

TEPHEN Byers is one of the 15 or so Labour MPs who are true Blairites, watered down key commit-and as such is one of the risments on workers rights. Blair's front bench team.

The unions' old battlegrounds are about to shift

Although a junior member of the high-profile employment team, he is considered to be the closest to the leader, answering directly to Mr Blair rather than to shadow education and employment secretary, David Blunkett. Mr Byers drew up Labour's fought the hopeless seat of employment policy docu-

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ment, Building Prosperity— Efficiency and Fairness at Work, published in June, in which the party abandoned unfair dismissal protection

A former lecturer in law, Mr Byers, aged 43, cut his polifical teeth in local govern-ment — he became deputy leader of North Tyneside council and made his mark as chairman of the Council for Local Education Authorities. He joined the Labour Party in 1974 and unsuccessfully

selected for the safe Labour seat of Wallsend, in Tyneside, which he won with a majority of 19.470 in the 1992 election. After showing promise with

TUC voted to press for

peckage of employment rights, for beyond Labour Perty policy, including right to take secondary industrial

action and outlaning the section of strikers.

Blair made him front bench spokesman on industrial relations and the social chapter in the education and employment shadow team in his middle-rank resbuffle in July.

Mr Byers has an impressive academic, local government with dealing with media. As an education spokesman, in particular, he has challenged ministers on school admissions, accused them of betrayal over promises of parental choice of schools for their children, and claimed increased early

last four years has been a thorn in the side of ministers in a variety of departments.

Colleagues say his strengths include his ability his ability to embarrass the Government by weeding out information through parliamentary questions, Mr Byers was quickly rewarded. Mr with dealing with media.

election. After several selection near-misses he was and in the Commons over the costing the taxpayer more costing the taxpayer more than £200 million a year. attacks on the Government's involvement in the arms-for-

> Scott report. He is also a popular constituency MP who spends a lot of time in Wallsend despite his increasingly hectic Westmin-ster schedule and many media appearances. He has successfully highlighted imthe threatened closure of the Swan Hunter shipyard, blam-



ing its lack of orders as a result of government policies. Stephen Byers during his time at North Tyneside council

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'Altitude fear' pilot wants to fly again

A CO-PILOT whose aircraft was forced to divert after he told his commander he was "frightened of the altitude" wants to fly again. He is backed by the British Airline Pilots' Association and is angry at the way events on last May's Maersk Air flight

and is angry at the way events on last way s waters. An ingit from Birmingham to Milan were portrayed. The co-pilot felt unwell at more than 30,000ft and the BAC 1-11 plane, carrying 49 passengers, had to divert to Lyon. The aircraft landed safely, but the pilot was suspended. He has not

flown since.

"He feels he has been misrepresented and wants to fly again and we will try to help him." Balpa's technical secretary, Carolyn Evans, said. "He told me he was not suffering from vertigo but from a stress-related illness brought on by a be-reavement and other personal problems."

Prosecution ruled out

POLICE officers will not be prosecuted over an incident in which an Asian student lost an eye in custody, it emerged yesterday.

Amer Rafiq, aged 21. from Rusholme. Greater Manchester, had to have his right eye removed by surgeons after his arrest in February outside the restaurant where he worked. More than 2,000 Pakistanis were celebrating the Muslim festival of Eid when arrested for an alleged public order offence and put in a van.

The Crown Prosecution Service said: "The CPS has decided

that there is insufficient evidence to prosecute any officer in connection with a serious injury to Amer Rafig The incident prompted widespread anger in Manchester's Asian population, with one protest march attracting hundreds of

Cocaine found on board liner

CUSTOMS officers were last night investigating the source of 4kg of cocaine seized on a luxury liner after it arrived in Southampton for a £4 million refit. The drug, with a street value of £220,000, was discovered hidden in a storage room cupboard on the SS Norway, the world's longest liner at 1,035 ft.

Three crewmen were questioned by Customs. One was released and two were bailed pending further inquiries.

The 76,049 ton Norwegian Cruise Line ship — the former SS France — arrived in Southampton last Wednesday for the refit which is expected to last a month.

Wife pleads for husband

A MAN who scarred his estranged wife for life when he threw a saucepan of boiling potatoes over her during a row was jailed for six months yesterday after his wife appealed to the judge. Judge Paul Downes cut the sentence for warehouse supervisor Keith Lake, aged 46, from two-and-a-half years after receiving the letter from Christine Lake. Mrs Lake had written that the cou-ple's two sons, Matthew, aged 11, and Alex, aged 10, would "suffer

greatly if he was away from them for a long time" Lake, of Bowthorpe, Norwich, was appearing at Norfolk crown court, where he admitted unlawfully wounding his wife causing her grievous bodily harm.

Home for murder charge boy

THE Home Secretary. Michael Howard, is being urged to move a 16-year-old boy facing a murder charge from prison to a £2,000-a-week secure children's home.

The boy, who cannot be named, has been appearing before Cheltenham magistrates weekly for four weeks and each time has been remanded in custody.

The boy is accused of killing Johnathan Busson, aged 16, of Cheltenham, on August 12. A 19-year-old man is also in custody accused of the murder.

Jail for millionaire's servant

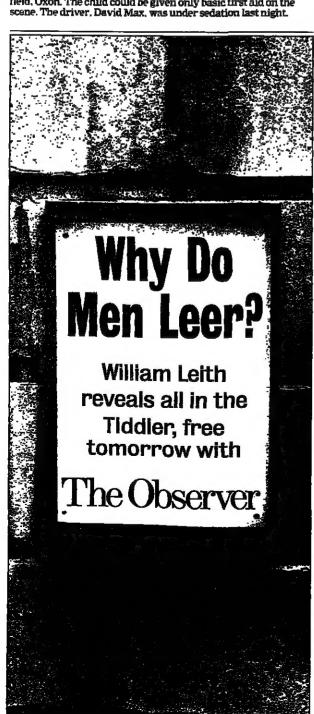
A TRUSTED servant who stole his employer's family silver to

fund his gambling was jailed for two years yesterday.

Rev Belarmino, aged 33, who was given the run of the luxurious home in Eaton Place, central London, repeatedly plundered millionaire Count Pietro Antonelli's safe. The live-in bousekeeper took seven silver platters, nine trays and 21 plates belonging to the Italian banker and worth nearly £23,000, and nawned them for 26,000, which he spent at a local casino, Southwark crown court heard. But he confessed in tears to his b

Baby run over by taxi

A YEAR-OLD baby girl who crawled into the path of a taxi was critically ill yesterday. Christy Field was taken to John Radcliffe Hospital. Oxford, after the accident outside her home in Berinsfield. Oxon. The child could be given only basic first aid on the scene. The driver, David Max, was under sedation last night.





Unruly pupils out in cold

thew Wilson, excluded from Manton primary school in Worksop, Nottingnamshire, for a series of allegedly disruptive offences, con-cluded his first week of lonely and expensive one-to-one

The parents of his fellowpupils, angry at this solution o a crisis which erupted in full media glare, withdrew their children in protest, sent them back a couple of days later, and withdrew them again yesterday. Meanwhile Manton's teach-

ers, or at least those who beong to the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, stood by their threat to strike rather than teach Matthew, and the union's leader. Nigel de Gruchy, defended them from charges of bully-boy tactics.
"The bullies are the young

thugs out there threatening teachers and terrorising their fellow pupils." he retorted. We are trying to protect ourelves and other children. As he defended himself, a speaker was offering a contrary opinion at a conference

RICHARD WILSON claims he

was expelled from his high

school in Manchester for

throwing a sweet: he aimed at a friend, who ducked. The

weet hit a teacher in the eye.

Richard. "I didn't do it pur-

posely. The teacher said:

You're staying at home and

That was 21/3 years ago.

not coming back'."

"It was nowt really," said

Case 1

ESTERDAY Mat- | stead of attacking the bully ing kids. Carl Parsons, of Can terbury Christ Church College, denounced exclusion as officially licensed truancy.

The subject prompts pas-sionate opinions from teachers, parents, governors, union leaders and politicians. Mr Parsons' views command at-tention, if only because he led the research team which last year reported to the Government on policies and procedures on exclusion.

He gave a rundown on fig-ures: 12,500 pupils were permanently excluded from schools in England in 1994-95, a figure which could rise to 13.500 this year, 84 per cent of excluded pupils are banned from secondary schools — 45 per cent of them aged 15 or 16; schools in London kicked out children at twice the rate of those in the counties and metropolitan boroughs. But Mr Parsons told the

conference, organised by the Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency: "Needy young people are ex-periencing officially sanctioned neglect. These children are being denied full-time education. Were this situain a Manchester hotel. In-

spent his crucial GCSE years |

at home, watching television and increasingly depressed.

His mother, Carmel, admits

he was no angel. "But it was nothing out of the ordinary.

He was just like any other kid." she said.

Mrs Wilson's appeal was

turned down by an indepen-dent panel. She was told by Manchester city council that

she should look for a place at

list of schools with places, and tried four of them. As

How the exclusion system works

committee.

sion goes against the

parents, they can appeal to an independent appeals

If the authority over-

rules the school, the gover-

nors can also appeal to the

ruling can only be over-

turned by judicial review.

The Government is con-

sidering reforms to the ex-

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☐ The 1986 Education Act | reinstatement or uphold | cation bill due in the next says that a head who ex- | the exclusion. If the deci- | session of parliament. says that a head who excludes a pupil must tell the child's parents, the gover-nors and the education authority of his order.

☐ Parents have 15 school days from notification to lodge an appeal in writing with the governors. If the governors find for the head, parents can then ask the local education authorto reconsider the

school's decision. clusion procedure which could be included in an edu-

own parents, it would result | suspended from his infants' | completely unacceptable," in a criminal prosecution." He said the law governing exclusions, which the Government wants to modify, was

"Much of it deals with the justice of the exclusion event and is about moving a child out of school. It is not about finding the most appropriate educational placement or care for that child."

the ears of Karl Eaton whose

ard had been expelled, they Case 2

said they had no places."
Richard was referred to a unit for children with emotional or behavioural prob-lems. After two months Mrs Wilson, dissatisfied with the curriculum and the short working day, withdrew him. He has had no home

alleged violence and disrup-There is talk of a place at an further education college. Philip, appealed and won — but members of NASUWT of the most important years of threatened to strike if he his life," Mrs Wilson. returned to school. The

Teachers say Andrew

school in Trafford, Greater Manchester, nine months ago for kicking and punching other pupils. He is now receiving three hours of home tuition a week. Mr Eaton has won legal aid to go to court to claim that Andrew's educa-tional needs have not been considered.

are for that child."

This speech was music to order. "If schools expelled children suffering from any tion created by the children's son Andrew, aged seven, was other disability. It would be

RICHARD WILDING was per-

manently excluded from

Glaisdale school in Notting-

ham in January after a series

of short enforced absences for

Richard's parents, Rita and

said Mr Eaton. "Yet young-sters with medically recognised behavioural problems are kicked out of schools." Mr Parsons admitted: "Kids

Other changes have been

included in a consultation document on school disci-

pline. These suggest that the choice of schools for parents whose children

have been excluded more

than once should be lim-ited; that schools should be

represented at appeal com-

mittee hearings; and that pupils could be excluded for 45 days in any year

rather than 15.

who swear at teachers (are seen as deserving of punishment. It is difficult to mount a strong case for changes in the law aimed at making more resources available for these children. Sue Chesterton, head of

Brownhills, an inner-city

Trent, excluded seven of her 750 pupils last year and is frustrated by the paradox that serious intervention can begin only after a child has been thrown out of school

"The system does not fit the situation or take account of children's needs," she said after telling the conference about how she cut truspey. Exclusion costs the country so much in terms of home tuition and the crime some of these young people get into I'd like to see that money directed to schools so that we can deal with their needs

without excluding them. But so long as the law stands, exclusions will hap-pen and reporters and camera crews will continue to scamper to school gates across the

country.
Carol Hayden of Portsmouth University, who has researched primary school exclusions, shares Mr Parsons' fears for such children's future. "If we are serious about preventing long-term problems, we have to have a system which still ... leaves them at least literate and numerate. No one wants to look at the complexity of the

comprehensive in Stoke-on-

begin when Mrs and Mrs Wilding agreed to withdraw him from the school Mr Wild-

ing died soon afterwards.

Richard is now taught at

home, at a cost of about £300 a

Teachers had compiled a

dossier of more than 30 inci-

dents they claim took place

between September 1995 and

last January. They claimed Richard, aged 13, had kicked a

boy in an unprovoked attack.

punched another in front of

planned action was called off | teachers, threatened a

week, and at a special unit.

the day before it was due to I teacher with a chair, waved a glass at a pupil and verbally

threatened a teacher He was excluded for two days last November, and month later walked out of a classroom "looking for another boy", according to the school. He was excluded again for allegedly hitting a boy in front of a teacher, and finally expelled last January.

was a scapegoat. There are children far worse than Richard at Glaisdale."

British Association science festival in Birmingham

Sindy 'sends thin message'

Chris Mihill and Jane Alfred on how winsome 1960s toys, transformed into svelte 1990s action women, may be luring impressionable girls into eating disorders

Richard, now aged 15, has soon as they found out Rich-

riated feminists for years is in the frame for another crime: encouraging anorexia.

A lecturer specialising in eating disorders of the young has elevated the glamour doll to the spot usually reserved for Kate Moss and other

for Kate Moss and other "super waif" models. "Fat is the modern three-letter F word," said Andrew Hill, from Leeds University. "It's something we are disgusted at."
Dr Hill warned yesterday

that children as young as eight were aware of pressures to diet. One of the main sources of dieting knowledge was the fact that their mothbut popular toys such as Sindy and Barbie were rein-forcing the "thin is best"

nessage. He posed the question to the British Association's science festival: "If the link between body shape dissatisfaction and dieting is established by nine, at what age does this awareness start." He said that amongst the group of eight-year-olds he

had studied there was already

"It would appear that many eight year olds are already aware of dieting as a means of veight control Dr Hill found a clear link among eight-year-old girls be-tween low self-esteem and dieting, although this was not

"Girls appear drawn to weight control as a means of improving their self worth, a strategy that reflects the high salience of appearance and weight for women generally."
"The boy's agenda for body

shape is for being bigger,

true of boys.

stronger, more muscles. They're licensed to eat and be active," he added. "Girls are Children gained their infor-mation about body shape from the family, their peers and the media, but at this age

the family was probably most "Families, or rather mums, have been shown to be influential. Awareness of mum's dieting behaviour was one of three significant predictors of their own dieting awareness, the others being body weight and self-worth." Dr Hill added: "The increase in expo-sure to visual imagery, much of it depicting stereotypical body shapes is bound to have an awareness of the full range

standing and expectations of Psychologists believe that being an adult member of clinicians are reluctant to society." Children's toys also

reflected their changing experience of the world.

Originally manufactured in the early 1960s as a toy for young teenage girls, 30-some-thing Sindy has lost her bru-nette bob and plain clothes. She is now blonde, pointedly thin, dressed immaculately and with a lifestyle to match, and bought for the six to eight-year-oldgirls.

'Not only does the 90s Sindy depict the ideal appearance and lifestyle for 90s women, she does so for girls only halfway to puberty," he

Dr Hill added that the Government's anti-obesity drive could backfire if it increased yet further the pressures on young people to diet. Children were already aware that being fat would make them unpopular with their peers. "Nine year olds are aware why they should not be fat Unfortunately, any pre-ado-lescent girl about to hit pu-berty, gain weight and double her body fat has to reconcile this stigma with her inevita-ble physical changes. This may be expressed as a strongly held fear of becom-ing fat, leading to body shape dissatisfaction and dieting attempts. "This fear of fatness may be the vehicle for expressing profound emotional distress within an eating dis-

magical pill to take the prob-

"It is difficult to treat and "A relevant example are its unsexy. Who wants to the toys Sindy and Barbie. work with fat people?" asked

"Theres no fat pill and the magic bullet is not going to happen." he added. "Even if you find one miracle pill cure it will only cure one portion of the population. People gain weight for all sorts of different reasons." Sarah Howard, public rela

tions manager for Hasbro which manufactures Sindy, said: "Why pick on Sindy," Small girls spent only a small part of their time playing with Sindy, and it was an important and fun part of their play. They also played with bricks, watched television and read, she said.

"An 111 inch piece of plastic is not responsible for the ills of today's society, to which we are all exposed. Lit-tle boys and little girls are ex-posed to all sorts of electronic "As a responsible toy and

and game manufacturer we have to make our products move with the times. We have done a lot of research with parents and they know what they want from fashion dolls. "Sindy is Britain's favour-ite fashion doll. She has had

three decades of mums and children playing with her,"



Sindy . . . accused of spreading eating disorders

yesterday. The condition, called hyper

children playing with her," phagic short stature, causes its young sufferers to steal Children suffering from a and gorge food when they are the child from street causes its young sufferers to steal and gorge food when they are unhappy. If food is unavail-

ble appetites when stressed. psychologists revealed at the Birmingham meeting yesterday.

The condition called because is caused by a stress-triggered. reduction in growth promoting chemicals produced by

It can be cured by removing

Secession

the flow

Bossi's dreams

the Seine, or the Tiber, the Po is

truly a mighty

Even in Cremona, in northern Italy, more than

150 miles upstream from the Adriatic, it can swell

majestically to a breadth of a quarter of a mile or more.

Its greeny-brown waters run fast through the flat

landscape.
This weekend the unwit-

ting Po will be at the centre

of a bizarre escapade whose

stated purpose is to slash Italy in two. Last night Um-

berto Bossi, leader of the

Northern League, was ex-pected to scoop a phial of water from the spring that

gives birth to the river, almost 7,000 feet up near the

During the next two days he plans to carry the phial to rallies along the Po as a prelude to declaring the in-dependence of Padania, the

region through which it

Northern League officials say they expect 1.5 million people to gather by the

river to support the move-

Mr Bossi appears to have

incorporated the Po into

his movement's mythology to provide the diverse Ital-

ian north with a symbol of

unity. Yet the people who live along the river are among the northerners

least impressed by his

Nowhere could be more

Padanian than Cremona.

The market town sits as

close to the banks of the Po

as prudence allows. So the

fact that only one in five in-

habitants voted for the

League at the last general election says a lot about the

substance behind this giant

In Cremona's 18th cen-

tury town hall, its mayor, Paolo Bodini, said: "For the

most part, people here are

publicity stunt.

detachment.

ment's aims.

of Padania

goes against

"The League itself is not Padanian," said Gian Carlo Corada, who heads Cremo-

na's provincial administra-tion. "It was born in the

foothills of the Alps. And the same is true of Bossi himself."

The areas in which the Northern League is strongest tend to have two things

in common. They are for-

mer redoubts of Christian

Democracy and have local economies with many small

businesses and a concentra-

But that does not stop its mayor from acknowledging

anything done without per-

or central government."
Mr Corada is a member of

Democratic Party of the Left. His main concern about the weekend's events

is not that they could

bridges behind him. By put-

moderate federalism.

28 per cent since July.

Mr Bossi's arrival.

way it is."

trestles in preparation for

'He shouts and screams

tion on light industry.

running Italy.



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Hate bars way to ballot box

John Hooper finds little support in Cremona for Bosnian N

Julian Borger

For Muslim refugees the town seems a bygone Eden – peacefully with Serbs.

But the town is now in Serb-held territory, and for most of the 27,000 Serbs who Cremona, like much of true Padania, is agricul-tural and leftish. Its biggest factories make nongat and salami. Its city administration is a coalition between Catholics and ex-commuequivalent nists not unlike the one

"Serbville").

There were 20,000 Muslims living in Foca before the war. Now, there is one. She is mar ried to a Serb, and both keep a that "Bossi is raising a real

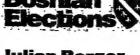
He himself yearns for a more devolved system of government: "You can't get Another Serb man spent four months in jail in 1992, and months more on the mission from the regional the formerly communist

many after being tortured Most of the survivors were dumped in Montenegro.

prompt a breakdown of law and order, but that they could set back the cause of where so filled with hate." said an international ob-Bossi has burnt his for the elections.

ting forward such radical demands, I fear he could reinforce nationalism and centralism," he said. gardens around a wrecked mosque in the old town have become a rubbish-strewn There is already evidence to support that view. A poll common, which Milan Jojic uses to garden. for La Repubblica news-The war has destroyed his paper found that, in Milan, life and reduced him to near-

opposition to any sort of change in the way the state is run has leapt from 12 to Caution was also in evi-dence by the Po outside Cremona yesterday, where killed us this time. They were workmen were hauling up marquees and laying out



in Foca

OR the people of settlement in the rain-soaked valley of the River Drina, a struggle between two irrec-oncilable visions of Bosnia's past and future.

a place where they lived

now make up the population, the past is very definitely another country. They have renamed the town Srbinje

worst part of the front line, because his wife was a Mus lim and he tried to organise a multi-ethnic peace council. Hundreds of Foca Muslims were slaughtered in 1992,

'I have never been any

The town's 18 mosques

have been dynamited. The

beggary, but, the way he tells it, the conflict was the Serbs' "In all the wars we had, Muslims were always the first to kill. They would have

storing weapons at night in the mosque. If it wasn't for Radovan Karadzic [the Bosnian Serb wartime leader there would be nothing here ture of concern and sioner. "Italy's all right the

main bridges across the Drina from Foca, increasing the sense of isolation of the local Serbs, deepening their paranoia, and reinforcing

their sense of destiny. "We can never live on each other's territory again. At best it would last for a while, and then it would be a new bloodbath." Mr Jojic said. Today, he will vote for the Serb Democratic Party (SDS) to keep his Srbinje pure.

Poca's exiled Muslims will Sarajevo.

But Mr Djozo is convinced vote in their refugee homes by absentee ballot, or be bussed Nato air strikes last five miles from the town in a september took out the three village called Miljevina. | outside, in the shape of took against it, party because the many appropriate on territory. | September took out the three village called Miljevina. | outside, in the shape of took against it, party because the many appropriate on territory. | September took out the three village called Miljevina. | outside, in the shape of took against it, party because the many appropriate on territory. | September took out the three village called Miljevina. | outside, in the shape of took against it, party because the many appropriate of territory. | outside, in the shape of took against it, party because the many appropriate on territory. |

The Djozo family, who i the criminals from jails and share a cramped flat in Sarajevo, will vote by absente ballot, although their home is in Miljevina itself.

A Serb resident passes a destroyed mosque in the old Muslim part of Foca, 'ethnically cleansed' of Muslims in the war

Safet Djozo, aged 55, was at-tacked by Serb thugs who rampaged through Miljevina in April 1992. He was forced to watch his house burn. He fled to the woods and after three months living rough walked with his wife and daughter across the mountains to

that evil came to Foca from

led the local Serbs astray. "Nothing will change as long as the nationalist parties are in power. A lot of good could be done fast, if decent people took office, and all the

hot-heads cooled down," said. "In the end we will be able to go back."
Having seen Foca, and ensed the resentful atmohard to be encouraging.

sphere on its streets, it is Mr Djozo says his friends had planned to take the bus to vote in Miljevina but decided

because they have discovered If they do not go, their votes will be lost. It is a pattern that

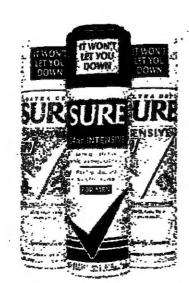
is likely to be repeated around the country today, to the benefit of the ethnic

Foca is likely to become Srbinje once and for all. Bosnia's ultra-nationalist Serb leader, Biljana Plavsic, reading from a statement she said was given to her by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, for-





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Canberra resists rights clause

John Palmer in Brussels

HE UNEXPECTED refusal of the new conservative government in Canberra to commit itself to observing international human rights has thrown into confusion plans for a trade and co-operation agreement between the European Union and Australia.

Since 1992 a human rights clause has been a standard part of all EU international agreements, and has been in-cluded in pacts signed with Russia. China and countries

in eastern Europe.
Under changes being negotiated in the Maastricht treaty, EU countries them-selves could face expulsion from the union for serious human rights abuses. The issue is at the heart of tensions in EU relations with some of Australia's closest

Asian trading parners, no the recent Australian secution of this clause being dropped," a Commission other members of the Association of South-East Asian for its treatment of occupied "It is in the interest of both

Australia's opposition to the human rights clause comes after changes in its policies on international labour standards and the global envi-

conflict with other advanced | Howard, that the clause be industrial democracies at | removed from the proposed

ment's change of policy towards Aboriginal rights. The European Commission has been taken by surprise by the insistence of the Austraronment, which have led to lian prime minister, John

East Timor, and the govern-

'It will do Australia's image no good to be seen to be quibbling over human rights'

conferences on workers' Opposition parties de-nounced the government's stand as "embarrassing and humiliating" for Australia's image abroad. Human rights

agreement with the EU. The issue is certain to be raised with the foreign minister. Al-exander Downer, during his tour of EU capitals next week. "No one is criticising Aus-

Australia and the European

Union to work together to ensure greater respect interna-tionally for human rights." In Brussels, diplomats said the part had been close to final agreement but Canberra's stance on human rights had thrown it into confusion. "I have discussed this

months with Australian offi-cials up to the level of the forin the previous Labour gov-ernment, and met no problems at all particularly over human rights." Hugh Kerr, Labour leader of the European Parliament delegation to Australia, said yesterday. "It will not do any good at all

image abroad. Human rights tralia's human rights record, groups have put forward sevors which it can be justly image to be seen to be quibleral explanations, including proud. But there is no questions of the proud of the proud

World news in brief

Safe deposit foils burglar

SOLOMON Garcia, aged 22, must have been one of the most hapless burglars in crime's annals, writes Ian Katz in New York. His body was found pinned under a 600lb safe in the offices of a Long

Island property and insur-ance company. Police said it appeared Garcia was killed when the safe fell on him as he tried to ma nocurre it down the stairs. Suffolk County homicide detective John Gierasch said Garcia broke into the offices in the early hours of

Thursday morning and managed to drag the safe to the top of the stairs. However, his fatal error was to stand in front of it as he tried to edge it down the stairs. "He lost control, fell backward 14 steps, and it

came crashing down on top of him." he said. To add insult to Garcia's fatal injury, police said the safe contained no money.

"I don't think you have to be very educated to know there's no cash in a real estate safe," said Quentin Samis, the owner of the company.

Fears grow of south Lebanon offensive

SRAELI belicopters rock- will drag the occupying ls- diers ambushed Hizbullah reeli army back into ... a who had infiltrated the zone. targets for the first time in more than a month after a clash with the pro-Iranian group in south Lebanon yesterday, heightening fears of a

broad military offensive. The Hizbullah chief, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, responded by threatening suicide bomb attacks against Israeli forces.

"I promise ... that any new aggression against Lebanon

quagmire where bombs are not made of iron but of human bodies," he said. Lebanese security sources said the helicopters fired two rockets into Jabal al-Rafi in Iqlim al-Toufah ridge, a Hiz-

bullah stronghold north of Is-rael's south Lebanon occupation zone. There was no word on casualties. Hours earlier, Israeli sol-

killing one guerrilla, Israeli security sources said. Hizbullah said its guerrillas ambushed an Israeli patrol,

On Thursday, a senior Lebanese foreign ministry official rejected as "blackmail" a warning by Israel's proxy South Lebanon Army of Is-raeli retaliation if Hizbullah stepped up attacks. - Reuter.

Belgian denies gett National Park. The killing confirms a mounting security problem in and around murder link the park. — Reuter.

Guy Mathot, a former Belgian government minister, denied yesterday any part in the murder of fellow socialist and ex-minister André Cools in

Mr Mathot, who resigned over a bribes scandal, de-nounced the allegation, made by an anonymous witness to police in Liège. — Reuter.

Serengeti attacks

Gunmen shot dead a hotel cashier in Arusha, northern Tanzania, three days after heavily armed bandits am-bushed 25 Italian and American tourists in nearby Seren-

Pupils crushed

Children rushing to attend a school flag-raising ceremony in Yunnan stampeded over each other, crushing 24 to death and injuring 74. China's state media reported yesterday. - AP.

Cocaine deal

The government has offered cash to peasants in Colombia's Caqueta state who de-stroy their crops of coca, an ingredient of cocaine, and agreed to improve roads, health care and education, in

the growers. Meanwhile, Carlos Lemos Simmonds, the ambassador to Britain, has been nominated to replace the sacked vice-president, Humberto de la Calle. — AP.

Israeli road ban

The Israeli army has banned Palestinians from using a new road between Jerusalem and a West Bank settlement near Hebron, saying it is for Israelis only, writes Jessica Berry in Jerusalem.

Questionable taste Animal saliva, urine and embalming fluids are among the

ingredients Bangkok health inspectors found in food sold on the city's streets, an offian effort to end protests by cial said yesterday. — AP

IRAQ CRISIS: Barzani savours the north's new lease of life • Immediate attack unlikely, says cautious Pentagon

Kurds make light of victory's price

Who can believe 'tactical' alliance with Baghdad | ourselves and the West," | Samz Abdul Rahman, an aide to Mr Barzand, said. "We have been devoting our energies

been plagued by their Jash, or "little donkeys", the renegades who fight for the central governments that oppress them. But a university professor,

wondering whether to go into "Is it possible that the miracle has occurred, that for once in our history, we have used our oppressor as our Jash, and sent him home after finishing with his services?"
All 3 million inhabitants of

ragi Kurdistan must be ask-ng such questions after the region's most radical upneaval since it came into ing under Western protection in the aftermath of De-

Irbil and then withdrawing its backer, the PUK posed them, has Saddam Hussein such a threat that the KDP

HROUGHOUT their inadvertently given a new feared for its existence. So Mr national struggle lease of life to the first experi-the Kurds have ment in self-rule that the Saddam. "He has finally gradment in self-rule that the Kurds have ever enjoyed — or has he precipitated its collapse? Will he stay out of Kurdistan, perhaps even fall under the United States Cruise missile raids he has provoked — or is he on his way back to full control?

Massoud Barzani's Kurdi stan Democratic Party (KDP) responds to such questions with an outward confidence. Since Mr Barzani's father, the legendary Mullah Mustafa, founded the party 50 years ago, it has dominated the Kurdish national struggle. It has now inflicted shattering, probably final defeat on it. probably final, defeat, on its Jalal Talabani's Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK). This time, with Tehran as

uated in a very hard school of politics, and he applied its first rule — get your enemy before he gets you," a sympa thiser said.

The Iraqi army's assault on the PUK-held "capital" of "free" Kurdistan was the deeven the KDP is incredulous at the ease and speed with which, after the Iraqi with-drawal, its own fighters drove the PUK from its stronghold in the Sulaymaniyah region. It is the first time a single leadership has ruled over so many Kurds. Mr Barzani is a respected leader in whom his people are predisposed to reinvest the hopes that two years of civil war have all but

"The upshot of all this is to

and resources to destroying each other. Now we are free

Mr Barzani has promised to resume those tasks that frat-ricidal strife interrupted: building democratic institutions, a single professional army and an administration. But what was the real price than glorious victory? None. at all, KDP leaders insist. It

was not a political deal, but a limited, tactical one. Besides, they say, President Saddam has benefited greatly. He has split the internation community and embarrassed pro-Western Arab regimes. He has, on the face of it, undermined the status assigned to the Kurdish "safe haven" by the US strategy of an Iraqi-backed Kurdish ally. Karim Sinjari, head of KDP

the Mukhabarat?" — the feared traqi secret police who infiltrated Irbil in the wake of the army.

It appears that they did United Nations personnel confirm that the Mukhabarat have no visible presence in the Kurdish enclave. Their retreat is a real plus for the KDP, and a relief to the

from reassured. They doubt that President Saddam would have served as the KDP's Jash for no return. Their a loss of confidence in politi-cal leaders as a result of civil war and corruption

"I trust Massoud more than anyone else, but when I saw those Mukhbarat in Range Rovers and pick-tips roaming around Irbil, I said to myself that the future is black and felt he had no choice, but it



For all the KDP's self-justifications, what happened to the Arab opposition in Irbil is a stain on its escutcheon. The KDP dismisses accuse

withdrawn to its original po sitions. A regiment is dug in just north of the 36th parallel. While that has no military significance, it has a profound symbolic and psychological one. We are here and we shall

remain', that is what Saddam is saying," a UN security officer said.

Even positive developments normally have rejoiced at Baghdad's announcement on Thursday that it was lifting the embargo on the north. But they saw it as a barbinger of

will be ferced to negotiate a deal with the Iraqi regime party to discredit him. Mr Barzani will give more than he was prepared to do in 1992 — the last time he went to Baghdad. He will be in an even weaker position if the West withdraws the aerial

vide Comfort There is also fear that the US will use Mr Barzani's sup posed alliance with the despot against whom it was protect ing the Kurds as a pretext for

Conscious of past Western betrayals (such as the silence of chemical weapons) Mr Barzani says the US put the tion - "condemned to be both an enemy of Iraq and part of to protect the "safe haven" against two regional tormentors — Turkey and Iran — thereby creating the condi

tions in which the KDP turned to Baghdad. If the KDP rebuilds its rela tions with the US, Mr Barzani from the fateful embrace with President Saddam which he clearly abhors. With a renewal of Western support.

cannot survive much longer.

Apart from Britain and Kuwait, no other member of the Gulf war coalition has ex-

pressed support for the US

military action. Saudi Arabia, a launch pad

for the 1991 war, distanced it-

self from the Cruise attacks

and said that if Washington

had asked to use its bases for

the operations it would have

In Paris yesterday, Jacques Rummelhardt, the foreign

ministry spokesman, urged Iraq not to shoot at allied air-

craft, but praised talks with local leaders in Kurdish areas captured by guerrillas backed by Baghdad.

Describing the situation in Kurdistan as stable, he said:

"The opening of a dialogue between Kurdish leaders and Baghdad is an important step

on the road towards norma



Kurdish children play in a mudhole in Irbil, northern Iraq, as life returns to normal after the recent fighting. Officials in the city, which was taken by Massoud Barzani's KDP, are trying to restore electricity and water

US rejects concession from Iraq on no-fly zone

Washington and lan Black in London

RAQ sought to fend off the threat of American air nouncing in a statement from Tariq Aziz, the deputy prime er, that it would midnight Baghdad time abide by the rules of the expanded no-fly zones and stop challenging allied warplanes enforcing it.

The immediate response from the United States to what had apparently begun as a Russian initiative with Baghdad was sceptical. "Actions speak louder than words," said Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman. The US is wary of cat-and-mouse tactics by President parent retreat just as the F-177A Stealth warplanes

The US also firmly rejected an Iraqi plea for "dialogue official newspaper yesterday. "We never rule out dialogue. But I don't know what we could reasonably talk about Nicholas Burns, the state department spoke

Mr Clinton and his ton advisers agreed on a new diplomatic offensive yesterday to pre-empt international conlemnation for the air strikes being prepared by the gather-ing US armada in the Gulf. As the eight Stealth war-planes landed at Kuwait's al-Jaber airbase, Pentagon offi-

warned against

expecting an immediate the air strikes, confirming

attack, and US diplomats fears that the porthern no-fly tried to repair the shredded Gulf war coalition.

China added its voice to international opposition and called for restraint, and France issued another statement distancing itself from Washington. France even praised Bagindad's dialogue with the Kurds as Strobe Talbott, the deputy secretary of state, arrived in Paris to sell Mr Clinton's aggressive

A second US sircraft carrier task force, led by the USS

'il don't know what we could reasonably talk about to Saddam'

ment squadrons of F-16 fighter jets, were on the way to the Gulf yesterday. But Pentagon sources spoke of "an intensive period of study-ing targets and preparing assets", rather than immediate attacks at the weekend. As US officials made clear

strikes were planned, and Baghdad might not be spared this time, Britain sounded another lone note of support.
US sources said targets
were being chosen to inflict
maximum damage on key
military installations and headquarters.
Closer to the confrontation

zone, Turkey publicly dis-tanced itself from any role in

isation in the north."

Baghdad, meanwhile, kept
up its war of words against
the US. Mr Aziz said his country would not bow to US sabre-ratiling.
"The Americans are not satisfied with equal interna-

that substantial punitive tional relations. They want everything. They are leaving us no choice but to resist," he said in an interview on Rus-

The Washington Post adds: Bowing to US pressure, the Turkish government agreed to allow about 2,500 Iraqi Kurds to pass through Turkey as part of an American plan



Florida buzzing over alien cure

ian Katz in New York

LIENS have already Alanded in almost every sphere of American culture. Now, it seems, they are poised to invade politics too.

The usually sedate politi-cal scene of Volusia County in south-east Florida be-came the focus of national attention this week when a county councillor said on television that aliens had cured her of cancer.

Lynne Plaskett, a 46-year-old mother of six, said she hoped her confession would not hurt her chances at the polls when she stands for re-election in November. "Everyone who has called has said You know I

really believe what hap-pened. You have a lot of guts coming out," she said. The county seat of Deland was rocked when she announced on television that her breast cancer had been cured after an 8-inch disc appeared in her room and hovered over her body.

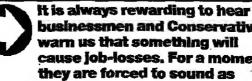
wasn't God and I knew it wasn't of this earth, or any-thing I'm familiar with." Several days later, Ms Plaskett said, doctors found that a tumour on her lung bad shrunk dramatically. Doctors were mystified by the speed of her recovery,

she said. Although Ms Plaskett's close encounter was greeted with derision by some of her council colleagues, it could prove to be an electoral asset.
Thousands of Americans are convinced that they

have been abducted by aliens. In a recent Gallup poll, 47 per cent of respon-dents said they believed allens had visited the earth. Susan MacManus, a polit-ical scientist at Florida University, said: "Some people may vote for her as a result of what they perceive to be an honest and courageous announcement about what

happened to ber."
Ms Plaskett's rival, Jim Ward, said he would not

make aliens an election issue: "I'd rather compete She said she heard a buzz-ing sound and the room filled with fog: "I knew it terrestrial things." with her on the campaign issues than these extra-



businessmen and Conservatives warn us that something will cause job-losses. For a moment they are forced to sound as though they care, Jeremy Hardy

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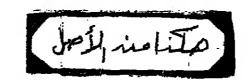
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IMMY Gulliver, Alistair Grant was firmly at tive approach to the mass who has died from the helm.

Grant, who continues to ac-

knowledge his debt to Gulliver

in learning the business of both groceries and takeovers, said at the time: "We felt let down. It was a serious diffi-

culty, being unaware of that problem, after working with somebody for 20 years."

When they set out on the bid, the ruling trinity at Argyll — Gulliver, Grant and David Webster — had sat

down together to find out if

there were any secrets the others should know, as they expected a dirty tricks campaign — though scarcely on

the scale which ultimately materialised.

ing in the Royal Navy. His first directorship was with a company called Concrete (Scotland). The turning point in his career came when he

became managing director of

chairman in 1986, by which | the Fine Fare supermarket | then been subsum time his long-time associate | group in 1965. For his innova- the Gulliver mantle.

materialised
Gulliver graduated with a first-class degree in engineering from Glasgow, before serving in the Royal Navy. His interestorship was retained and drinks business. These included Allied Supplies, which had been at the heart of James Goldsmith's

James Gulliver

a heart attack aged 66. started life as a

grocer's son in Campbeltown on

the Mull of Kintyre and rose to head the Argyll Group, one of the nation's supergrocers,

through outlets like Safeway

and Presto. He was also a court favourite of Margaret Thatcher, but came to grief during the victous takeover

battle for the Distillers Com-

As that epic tussle between Argyll and the Guinness

group headed for its denoue-

ment, it emerged that Gulliver had falsely claimed in his

Who's Who entry to hold a Master's degree in Business Administration from Harvard

Business School. The revela-tion, in March 1985, was a turning point in the battle which Argyll lost a few weeks

later. Gulliver's position

within the company went into

decline and he resigned as chairman in 1988, by which

pany in the mid-1980s.

as a Proctor in Convocation

for Lincoln diocese he crossed

swords more than once with Archbishop Fisher on the del-icate question of the compati-

bility of priesthood with

that this would give him an

of acting as a conscientious parish priest and those of Convocation and family, little

But with his appointment

to the canonry at Windsor came both relief from finan-

writing was done.

gian began to flourish at Lin-coln Theological College in the 1930s. A member of a brilliant constellation of teaching staff, Bryan Bentley was well qualified to hold his place in this glittering array, with firsts at Cambridge in classics and theology.

He remained in Lincoln after his marriage to Nina Williams, filling a combination of appaintment in the combination of apparent in the combination of a combin

Gulliver was very much a creature of the 1980s and he **Brian Wilson**

was both a prominent donor to, and fund-raiser for, the Conservative Party. In recent

Gulliver's travails

business interests including a farm in Fife and scallop pro-duction in Argyll. He was a vice-president of Manchester United and had a brief stint as chairman of Heart of Midlothian Football Club (in which capacity I recall him delivering the most inappropriate speech I have ever heard when he turned an after-dinner address to the Scottish Football Writers Association into a prolonged chronolgy of his business career).

Gulliver was married four times. He is survived by his wife, Melanie, and three sons and a daughter from his first

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Elizabeth Eyre de Lanux

Simple art of extravagance

painter, illustrator and writer Elizabeth Eyre de Lanux, who took tea with Gertrude Stein, was photographed by Man Ray, and knew Ernest Hemingway, has

Born Elizabeth Eyre in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, her uncle, Wilson Eyre was a leading architect in Philadelphia, and she studied paint-ing at the Art Students League in Manhattan. In New York in 1918 she met and married Pierre de Lanux. One week after the Armistice, she accompanied him to Paris where he was working at the League of Nations.

In Paris, where she studied sculpture with Brancusi, they knew Picasso, Matisse, Braque and Leger. She also got to know many of the Surrealists, including Paul Eluard, André Breton and Louis Aragon: she appeared in Aragon's fiction and was photographed by Man Ray. She told me she met Gertrude Stein many times, always "at the ritual hour of tea. She showed an immediate indifference, if not dislike at once." They knew Andre Gide and Ernest Hemingway, whose style influenced Eyre de Lanux's own writing. And in England, she met Lytton Strachey and the Sitwells, about whom she wrote a

story for the New Yorker. Never rich, as were so many of the Americans in Paris at that time, she contributed a monthly column -Letters of Elizabeth — to the American magazine Town & Country, describing social and artistic life in Paris. For one of her articles, she interviewed Evelyn Wyld, an Eng-lishwoman who had settled in Paris before the first world war. Since 1907, Wyld had collaborated with Eileen Gray, creating decorative schemes to which she con-tributed hand-woven rugs and textiles and Gray some astonishing

ration, as a painter. Eyre de Lanux should be doing it herself. As Gray became increasingly preoccupied with archi-tectural schemes, Wyld and Eyre de Lanux collaborated from Wyld's atelier in the rue

In 1928 they unveiled their first room-setting at the Salon des Artistes Décorateurs. uted to several annual exhibi-tions including the Salon d'Automne and the Union des Weatherby in St Tropes, Artistes Modernes, formed in painted different shades of white and decorated with



By design . . . Eyre de Lenux's stylish calling card

more modernist designers. The same year they exhibited at the Curtis Modat Gallery

While Wyld designed rugs and textiles, Eyre de Lanux designed furniture, some of it lacquered by Sougawara, the Japanese craftsman who had worked with Gray. In an article about an apartment decorated for a wealthy American client, Eyre was quoted as saying that "The chic of [her] apartment is hoped to be its "simple extragavance" - you know what l mean. There is almost noth-ing, but it is the best." Eyre said that she aimed at "exstonishing lacquer said that she aimed at "exirriture. | bareness", combining the sumptuousness of the lished in 1981.

HE American Art | viewer that, rather than | Art Deco ébênisies with the Deco designer. | write about design and deco | rational, plain interiors of the Modernists.

retailing of groceries, much of it based on lessons learned in

America, he was Young Busi-nessman of the Year in 1972.

He then teamed up with Grant and Webster to acquire

Oriel Foods, which they then re-sold to the RCA Corpora-

tion of the United States at a

healthy profit. His career briefly diverted into double glazing when they took over a

company called Alpine
Holdings.
But the pattern for the purple patch in Gulliver's career
was set when James Gulliver

Associates (later the Argyll Group) was formed in 1977 and set about a string of ag-

empire, and the re-purchase of Oriel. Most of the respected

names of Scotland's family

grocers, such as Lipton, Gal-braith and Templeton, had by then been subsumed under

Their colour schemes were simple — terracotta red or "havana" brown with white, grey and black - and relied on the different textures of on a series of commissions grained wood, lacquer, cow-and exhibitions, working hide or ponyskin, leather, from Wyld's atelier in the rue slate, amber and roughly-Visconti an apartment which had once belonged to Balzac. ux's studies of American Indian art at the Smithsonian in Washington DC inspired the motifs which appeared in her lacquer pieces. Another important influence was the house of a friend, Kate driftwood and beach stones. Ornaments in their interiors might include Mexican terracotta pots, ostrich eggs, or a fossilised fish.

I first met Evre de Lanux in New York in 1980, researching a book on women designers for Virago. When I men-tioned the fossilised fish which I had been told stood on the mantelpiece in Wyld's on the manespiece in wyin's ateliar. Eyre was astonished that I could know such a thing, and told me that they had chosen it together. Uninterested in facts or dates—she would never tell me her age — she adored the idea that such pieces of knowledge could pass from person to person, continent to continent, across time.

wine shop on the seafront in Cannes, but it was not a success. Wyld retired to her house in the hills behind Cannes, Eyre de Lanux moved on to Italy. She never worked again as a decorator. Pierre de Lanux died in 1955. In the 1960s, Eyre wrote short stories for the New Yorker and Harpers Bazaar, often based on her experi-ences travelling in Morocco, Italy, Spain and Bali. She also illustrated children's books — the last of which, Over-

In 1932, the two women

opened a gallery in an old



The company was particu- I market to a buyer who turned

out to be Guinness in disguise. It was an outrageous breach of

condition that Guinness tarted up their Scottishness a lit-

tle -- the result was allowed to

Gulliver felt exonerated and claimed that "justice had been done" when Ernest Saunders and his Guinness henchmen

suffered even more spectacu-lar humiliation as a result of

the Distillers battle. But his

own business career never recovered from the shenani-gans which had been exposed by this least wholesome of

takeover epics. The banks still had sufficient faith to back him in a £450 million bid for

Lowndes Queensway, the car-pet retailer, but this was not a

success and he left the com-

pany in 1990 without compensation.

larly big in Scotland and, given Gulliver's roots in a

20 distilleries, it was perhaps not surprising that they

should look towards the whis-

First, they swallowed Associated Distilleries Ltd.

However, the whale which this relative minnow then set

its sights on was the vast Distillers Company with its vast range of household name products. The Argyll bid was

audacious, inviting sharehold-ers in Distillers to exchange

their shares for new ones in

Argyll and thereby put Gulliver. Grant and Webster in

charge.
Mercury Asset Management backed the idea but the blue-

chip board of Distillers hated it. They turned to Guinness as an alternative and after the most ruthless of battles for the

hearts and minds of Distillers

shareholders, the matter was settled when Mercury sold the

shareholding they had built

ky industry for expansion.

Eyre de Lanux in Paris in the 1920s wearing a coat made by artist Sonia Delaunay

to fail. Her frequent letters to me - often containing a bead, a feather, a mother-ofpearl fish, or some other token — ceased. The last time called her in New York, she asked me not to visit because she deplored her condition. Yet she continued to live alone in her tiny apartment in East 58th Street, crammed

not need anybody and stub-

In 1984, her eyesight began | with books, photographs, paintings, sculpture and whatever else intrigued her. Her good friend, the late Madge Garland, Lady Ashton said Eyre was "very beautiful but had no discipline and never stuck at anything". Perhaps her mind was too curious, too alive - always searching for elusive and revealing connections rather

straight line Eyre de Lanux is survived daughter, Anne Strong, and two grandsons.

Isabelle Anscombe

Elizabeth Eyre de Lanux, de signer, artist and writer, born

When it comes to voices.

Putting Asunder (1966) owed much to Bentley's draft-ing, and it was certainly his most widely influential achievement. He did his best work in a mixed group in which be could respect the expertise of the lawyers while they could value his thorough and analytic thinking and the scrupulous clarity of his writing. The report profoundly in-fluenced government thinkcomplete removal of the conas grounds for divorce, and substituting irretrievable breakdown as the virtually

tion of appointments in col-lege, cathedral and hospital. He added membership of the Church Assembly to his responsibilities, and in his years sole ground. Together with such under-takings, he was fully committed to his share in the work. governance and music of St George's Chapel, and to the life of Windsor Castle. His long tenure entailed his serving under four deans.

membership of the Freema-sons. Fisher himself was a All of them found him a resourceful, but never an easy, colleague. He could be Mason, though he did not advertise the fact.
In 1952 Robert Mortimer. irritatingly insistent upon mi-nutiae of the statutes and less Bishop of Exeter, appointed than sympathetic to new ven-Bentley to a living in remote West Devon with the hope tures. Yet he evoked a measure of affectionate regard and respect for the distinction opportunity to write. In the event, between the demands of his gifts, and his wit. In his final years he clung

to his house in the Castle cloisters as a hastion of his independence, the Dean and Chapter having granted it to him when he retired. He was also appointed by the Queen to be the first honorary Canon of St George's.

A man of diverse gifts

cial stringency and the chance to make his contribution to the current scene at a serviced his own car and time when traditional Chris-tian ethics were under attack. crafted superb toys for his two sons and two daughters
— he nevertheless failed to group which produced the no-table report for the 1958 Lamrealise much of his great po-tential, hampered by a tenbeth Conference, The Family dency to depression and his in Contemporary Society, and six years later was invited by

Richard Eyre

Revd Canon Geoffrey Bryan Bentley, moral theologian, born

my of computer-set type and finally, when he had become

production director, to news-

papers composed with no in-

termediary between the jour-

nalist on-screen and the

man. He and Jim Markwick

chief executive of the Guardian media group, used to play

golf for blueys (£5 notes). Phil-

lips was a competitor by na-

ture and always insisted on

cash up front. Markwick

remembers the Guardian

cricket tour of India when the

eleven was on the night train to meet the Maharajah of Ba-

roda; Peter was so immersed

in a card school that when the

train reached Baroda he had

Like most people in his job, Peter's health suffered even though he had been a sporting

printing press.

Peter Phillips

the Archbishop of Canter

bury, Michael Ramsey, to join the small, distinguished band

of theologians and lawyers

charged with formulating the

Hot metal, cool head

war Fleet Street was one of the world's thankless tasks. Peter Phillips, who has died aged 61, held the job at the Guardian from 1979 until 1987, when the paper switched to new technology after Murdoch's démarche wrote finis to a technology that had lasted in its basics almost exactly 400

years from Caxton. Printer, in the industry, means head printer. In Fleet Street that meant dealing with a workforce hired, not by him, but he the wider heads of the printer has been a transfer. but by the union bosses. It was a position of incredible stress. but one to which he was suited both because of his calm temperament and his training: ever since joining the Guardian in 1962 he had been the composing room tracker, which meant that when the print unions put in a bill for piece rate working, he would assess it against the lines of brevier (8pt type, which was the basic text face). Both this and his apotheosis as Printer meant constant clashes with some of the hard men of Fleet Street over new technology. Rupert Murdoch sorted them out in one way. At

the Guardian, Phillips was

men who worked their way

through a morass of negotia-

one of the calm manager

to spill on to the platform in his pyjamas. Maybe it was these social gatherings that meant the men who should have been his enemies are the very people who are mourning him now. two sons and a daughter.

ruary 14, 1935; died September

Tomorrow's other birthdays:

Face to Faith

Time to bring God back into religion

Shmuel Boteach

*HE Jewish High Holy Days, consisting of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Jewish New Year and upon us, and with them comes introspection about our faith Religion is foremost about

forging and maintaining relationships between man and his fellow man, and between God and man. Among the most curious items about modern-day religion is the sad fact that many individuals who are religiously observant even some deeply so, are not necessarily spiritual. A spiritual individual is a man or woman who walks with God, and whom God accompanies at all times. Holiness is a measure of God's presence within a place, or individual, and in modern times He appears distant from even religious life.

It seems that modern-day man has lost sight of the ulti-mate objective of belief, preferring instead to define religion as a quasi form of pious humanism. To be sure, religion is the

most active force in develop-ing latent human goodness, and I believe there to be no extant ideologies that can better impel man to lead a life of altruism more than faith. And yet religious creeds are severely misrepresented when their highest calling is reduced to practising kindness and tolerance. Rather, religion at its most powerful serves as the bridge which unites God and man. Homo spiritus is that human whose religious convictions enable him to transcend mortal limitation and create an intimate relationship with the Infi-nite. Our call today must be to

bring God back into religion,

lest religion itself became yet

another false deity.

The great Jewish mystical master, Rabbi Mendel of Kotz, once asked his students to point out where God is. Every where, they replied. "No, God is wherever we let Him in," was his comment. Prayer is that door which allows God to enter our lives. To supplicate

God with even our most basic needs is to invite God to be a partner in every human undertaking. We, who purport to speak in the name of religion, are guilty tion with God. Our belief in the redemptive power of prayer

has waned. The Jewish medieval scholar, Maimonides, declared that what is inherent in the obligation to pray is for man to wake every morning, and go humbly before his God to declare his basic necessities, thereby acknowledging his ultimate dependency upon his

We pretend today that we do | shall die, who shall live out his | Society

bornly refuse to acknowledge any dependency. Thus we find ourselves going through a tur-bulent cycle of faltering mar-riages, strained relationships with parents and siblings, and falling out with friends - all because we feel that we are good enough on our own. Maybe this is why we don't pray with the same fervour as our ancestors. Because our society has evolved to such heights of technological excellence and wealth creation, we no longer feel the same dependency on God. We have abandoned prayer in favour of human ability and effort.

HE simple yet profound prayer liturgy of the Jew-ish High Holy Days is a clarion call, reminding us that no human exertion will amount to anything without that most precious gift of life itself. We humbly proclaim God's sovereignty and ac-knowledge His ability to be stow life and longevity to His liking. The most famous of all the High Holy Day prayers. Unesana Tokef, written by the medieval Jewish martyt Rabbi Amnon as he lay dying in agony, spells out the message with terrifying simplicity: "On the new year it is inscribed who shall live and who

allotted time and who shall depart before his time . . . who shall be humbled and who shall be exalted."

Prayer is like a searchlight which focuses on and illu-mines what really is important in life. It sensitises us to the elevated nature of even the minutiae of being and points out God's hidden hand in every aspect of creation. In the final analysis, while homo re-ligiosus is defined as a man who lives his life in accor dance with religious law, the spiritual man is he whose deyout training and engagement in prayer has sensitised him to experience God in all that he undertakes and to see God wherever he looks. No wonder, then, that

prayer has always been associated with hope. Because when we perceive God behind all empirical events, we cannot help, but feel comforted that He has never abandoned us. In prayer we first learn to approach God, and through this to re-establish our relationship with our fellow man is well. The chorus of human voices in prayer, then, is the bridge that unites not just God and His creation, but all of humanity as well.

Rabbi Shmuel Boteach is director of the Oxford L'Chaim

Weekend Birthdays

beauty is in the ear of the beholder. But nobody has ever suggested Jessye Norman, 51 of the most ravishing voices traordinarily generous to a diva known to some writers as the "black goddess". Na-ture provided intelligence as well as beauty, and there was also an almost political role waiting for you to fulfil. For you were the latest, but perhaps the most potent and spell-binding in a line of black singers — black women singers especially. All of you had to perform an unfortunately sary task in achieving respect and acceptance and cultural recognition for your genius and skill. Sailing on stage in a shimmer of tulle, your hair a crown for a face the urgency and totality of your musical commitment appeals mightily to the collec tors of great divas. Yet, always more important than what fans applaud are your assurance and technical security, your sheer stature as a serious artist, able to evoke pain and terror as well as joy and humour. Thank you Jessye for opening our minds as well as our hearts.



lott, cricketer, 40; Amanda Barrie, actress, 57; Bill Berry, jazz musician, 66; De-nis Betts, rugby league footballer, 27; Sandra Blow, painter, 71; Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos CH, former Labour minister, 80: Prof John Coales, electrical engineer 89; Sir James Cobban, edu-cationalist, 86; Vice-Admiral Sir William Crawford, 89; Terence Donovan, photogra pher, 60; Kate Millett, writer and feminist campaigner, 62: Sir Angus Ogilvy, president, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 68: Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey, 74; Ray Wilkins, footballer, 39; Nicol Williamson, actor, 58; Martin Wyld, head of conservation, National Gallery, 52.

Prince Henry of Wales, 12; Richard Arnell, composer, 79; Charles Bone, mural and watercolour painter, 70; Prof John Russell Brown, stage director, 73; Eva Burrows, General of the Salvation Army, 67; Jackie Cooper, actor, 74; Dame Sylvia Crowe, landscape architect, 95; Phyllis Cunningham, chief exec-utive, Royal Marsden Hospital, 59; Prof Brian Fender, chief executive, Higher Education Funding Council, 62; Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos, conductor, 63; Dr Rich ard Gordon, novelist, 75: John Julius Norwich, writer and broadcaster, 67; Mike Procter, cricketer, 50; Lady (Mary) Soames, writer, chairman, Royal National Theatre, 74; Oliver Stone, film director, 50; Graham Taylor, football manager, 52.

Memorial Services

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IN 1900, when the Labour Party was formed, fewer than three men in every five had the vote, women did not have the vote at all, and the legal rights of working people and their organisations were vestigial. The Labour Party was created to defend these excluded millions and to win them rights and security. Half a century later those goals had been essentially achieved. partly but by no means entirely as a result of the Labour Party's own actions.

There are many reasons why Labour has failed to carry these achievements as far in the second half of the 20th century as it managed to do in the first. Nevertheless, there can be little dispute that Labour's failure to make itself into what Harold Wilson called the natural party of government is bound up with its long inability to extend its support sufficiently beyond the labour movement from which it originally sprang. One of the reasons for this has been the inability of the party to redefine its relationship with the trades unions, who remain the party's principal paymasters (even though on occasions only a minority of their members have actually voted Labour).

Everyone who is anxious to end the long years of Conservative government is well aware of this continuing problem, and so are most (though not all) people who are active in both the unions and the party. Many things have been done to modernise a relationship which only a complete conservative would argue should remain untouched. Unions have become more accountable to their members. The party has become less overwhelmingly dependent on union power and wealth. The culture and purposes of the two movements have become less similar than they once were. There is a recognition (grudgingly in some cases) that a party which seeks to win a majority of voters cannot do so with only the support of that fifth of the electorate who are union members.

This is not a relationship in which everything that the party does is good and everything that the unions do is bad. But it is without question a relationship which needed to change and which needs to evolve still further if Labour is either to succeed in forming a new majority or to deserve to do so. After 17 years of anti-union government, it is inevitable that many union activists want to see a swing to pro-union government. But two wrongs do not make a right, even when one of them is arguably the lesser of two evils. Most people think trades unions are valuable and necessary institutions, as indeed they are. But that does not mean that they want to be governed by the unions or to see the unions acting as though they own the government.

All week, the TUC conference at Blackpool has echoed to this still unresolved argument. The fact that the squalls took place so noisily shows that the two partners have not yet evolved the kind of relationship which would best benefit them both and which the country generally desires. The party is not blameless for this situation, but too many in the unions seem to believe that Labour politicians should speak only those lines which the unions write for them. If so, this week's events are a necessary lesson that this can never be the case again. Stephen Byers may have exceeded his brief with some of his claims, but he was only taking part in a discussion which needs to go further. The suggestion that this might be considered a sacking matter, as proposed by John Edmonds yesterday, only illustrates 113 Mottram Old Road, how far there is to go.

In praise of genius

An unlikely best-seller and its modern moral

ALL can't be wrong with the world when a book about the measurement of longitude reaches the number one spot in the best sellers. Written by an American, Dava Sobel, it chronicles the extraordinary story of how the British parliament passed the Longitude Act of 1714 promising a prize of £20,000 (worth millions today) to solve a problem that had baffled scientists for centuries and caused countless tragedies at sea. Fixing latitude was a doddle because it was based on laws of nature, but longitude wass affected by time — the need to know what the time was aboard ship and on another place of known longitude (say, the home port) at exactly the same moment so the difference could be converted into a geographical separation. The need to solve the longitude problem had been given extreme urgency by the events of October 22, 1707 when four out of five ships commanded by Sir Clowdisley Shovell were wrecked near the Scilly Isles during a fog with the loss of 2,000 troops. Sir Clowdisley escaped only to be murdered on the beach by a local woman. It's difficult to feel sorry for him because the previous day a lowly rating told Sir Clowdisley that the ship was off course and was promptly executed for treason.

The Longitude Act sparked a Klondikian rush for a solution that attracted everyone from charlatans to the best minds of the age — including Galileo, Newton and Halley. But while the scientific establishment was looking at the stars for a solution, a lone British inventor — John Harrison, a self-educated carpenter cracked it by building the first clock that worked with precision at sea. After years of intrigue and only after the intervention of George 111 he secured the prize enabling the British fleet to know where it was going thereby paving the way for Britain to rule the waves.

It is surely time to establish the equivalent of the Longitude Prize to accelerate the solution of a similar problem of benefit to humanity with favourable economic consequences. Whether that problem should be related to Aids, cancer, cheap renewable energy, a unifying theory of the universe, how to get a market economy to expand in an equitable way or any other suggestion is less important at this stage than in establishing the principle of the prize itself. It would, of course, be called the Harrison prize to celebrate a rare species which needs to be encouraged: the lone British inventive genius.

Oasis

An Apology

IN THE Guardian yesterday we carried a number of articles which may have given the impression that the relationship between Liam and Noel Gallagher was under strain and that they had agreed to separate. We now understand that they had agreed to separate. We now understand that there was no truth in this. We unreservedly apologise to Mr and Mr Gallagher and have agreed to make a substantial donation to the charity of their chairs the factors. donation to the charity of their choice, the Institute of like and Tina to the Police and

Letters to the Editor

Arkan: I am no war criminal Expelled and

Borger, principally in two recent articles (UK funds Serb war criminal, September 5, and Corners cut in race to stage Bosnian polls, Septem-

Let me deal first with the statement (not simply an alleeation) that I am a war criminal or "warlord". This is not the place in which to justify in detail my activities in Croatia and Bosnia, but I would point out to your readers that, principally because of the American hostility to those activities in defence of Serbs in Croatia and Bosnia, I have been investigated by the prosecutor's office of the Internatinal War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague. The result is that I have not een indicted for any war crime nor, as I understand it is it the intention of the prosecu-tor that I should be so indicted. This is perhaps the best indica-tion of the lack of evidence

against me in this regard. During the second world war, hundreds of thousands of Serbs were killed by the Croatian nationalist regime ("Us-tashe") then in power in Croatia. When Croatia declared independence from the former Yugoslavia in June 1991, many Serbs feared a repeti-tion of those events at the hands of the new regime in Croatia, widely regarded as similarly nationalist. Presilent Tudjman has done and continues to do much to foster this feeling, and the indepen-dent evidence of the persecu-

WRITE to reply to certain matters raised by Julian tion of Serbs in Croatia by the matters raised by Julian Tudiman regime is formidating against this threat. Tudjman regime is formida-ble. Take, for example, the latest US State Department Report on human rights in Croatia, published in March 1996. In my view, the Serbs were entitled to defend them-

selves against "ethnic cleansing" by Croatia, and, in supporting their cause, I was helping to defend my people. As regards Bosnia, there was widespread feeling among Serbs when the declaration of independence took place that they were being forced into an Islamic-run state. President Izetbegovic had, in Tito's

time, been imprisoned

following publication of his "Islamic Declaration" — a the-sis on the creation of an Islamic state. He, like Tudiman. has done little to disabuse the Serbs of this fear. As Dr Owen states in his book Balkan Odyssey. Izetbegovic knew that his declaration of indepen-dence would lead to bloodshed and his party, the SDA, became even more intolerant under the pressures of war.

I would agree with those — referred to by Dr Owen — who noted that Izetbegovic's closest advisers are "shadowy fun damentalists" and I believe that the Serbs were and are entirely justified in fighting to avoid being part of a budding fundamentalist state. Julian Borger was right in another recent article concerning the current election campaign to refer to intimidation by the SDA towards government by Islamic principles. I support

Julian Borger is, however. wrong to refer to me as an extreme nationalist. Yes, I am a Serb and proud of that and of the Serb heritage. It is also true that my party, the Serbian Unity Party, advocates the development of close links with Serbia. The Serbs, after all, fought two world wars on the winning side in order to ensure the security which a constitutional connection with Serbia would guarantee Contrary to common perception in the West, however, there are still non-Serb minor ities living in Republika Srpska - Muslims, Croats, Hungarians, Albanians, Jews

their numbers are large proportionally to Serbs but I welcome their continuing pres-ence. A great many of these people support and are mem-bers of my party, surely an indication that they do not regard me as an extreme nationalist. These people are supports of the old united ethnically mixed Yugoslavia who went to live side by side with their Serb neighbours. They recognise that the mainstream po-

gypsies. I do not suggest that

SDA, the Croatian HDZ and Serbian SDS are nationalist parties which cannot repreent their viewpoint. They also recognise that my policy advocating the development of close links with Ser-

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bia - currently the most

litical parties presently oper-ating in Bosnia, the Muslim

multi-ethnic of all the former Yugoslav republics — far from demonstrating a wish to cleanse them from Republika Srpska indicates ethnic tolerance and a respect for other

religious and ethnic groups. It is for this reason that, quite contrary to the impression given by Mr Borger, my party's platform is far more ir the spirit of the Dayton accord than any of the mainstream parties and entirely worthy of funding by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. That is not to say, however,

that Bosnia should not be partitioned. It has always seemed to me naive of the Americans if they thought that by hammering out the Dayton agree-ment, and dividing Bosnia 49 per cent to 51 per cent between Republika Srpska and the Muslim-Croat Federation, they were not, in fact, reinforcing partition.

I do not believe that, in real ity. Serbs can live in a state governed by Muslim and Croat nationalists or even work in a government along side such people. That is the legacy of Bosnian politics be-fore the Serbian Unity Party was created and, if I am right, the resulting partition is no more my responsibility than the initiation of the wars fought in Croatia and Bosnia during the last five years. Zeljko Raznatovic — Arkan. President, Serbian Unity

Party. Ljutice Bogdana #3, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

sent to Coventry

WAS shocked at the proposals put forward by the National Association of Head Teachers (Heads seek full expulsion rights, September 12), that parents' right to an independent appeal be removed if the school's head, governors and the local education authority agreed that the child was unduly disruptive. and that any appeal should only check procedures and not investigate the facts of the

The recent Ofsted report found that African and Caribbean pupils were "six times more likely to be expelled than their white peers." Whatever the colour of the children, I have come across bias, mud dled evidence, or none at all, hidden motives and a general disregard (or ignorance) of rules of natural justice.

At the independent appeal hearing all sides can put their case — a very basic condition for the just resolution of dis-putes. Why should headeachers be different? John Martin. Bradford Law Centre, 31 Manor Row, Bradford BD1 4PS.

F children with "special needs" are to flourish in mainstream education, time, money, training and a change of attitude on the part of the general public and the Government are urgently required. To suggest, as Meg Henderson does, that teachers have not clamoured for these is TC Maybew. 97 Thistledene,

Thames Ditton,

S A teacher in an innercity primary school I can assure Meg Henderson that despite budget cuts, insid-ious effects of league tables, disinterested parents, pres-sures of Ofsted and negative press reports there are still lenty of us who will move heaven and earth to help all the children we meet. Why? Well either we're masochis haps we actually like children. I applaud Ms Henderson's

decision to foster and adopt children yet I wonder whether she ever looked after 30 of them full-time? If she has done so then she may be able to com-

ment effectively on our It has been said that the reason that teachers are so reason that teachers are so criticised is that everyone has been to school thus enabling them to offer an "expert" opin-ion. I've given birth but it doesn't make me a midwife. Lisa Sollett

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Mowbray Street. Coventry CV2. AM glad Peter Wilson (Letters, September 12) points out that one to one supply teaching may not be an ideal solution for the disruptive 10. year-old boy. Clearly it is better than being excluded but where is the specialist help he and his family need?

Tragically in many parts of

Tragically, in many parts of the country, cuts in child and mental health provision have taken their toll. Last year in just one Inner London Borough the eight specialist teacher or educational thera-pist posts were cut to four. Barbara Lyndon. Educational Therapist London Educational Therapy. 5 Cumberland Park, London W3 6SY.

EACHERS should certainly behave like professionals. However, from time to time situations arise which in their view makes it impossible for them to maintain the standards expected of them. They are then faced with the pupils responsible for this situation by paralysing an entire class, or to limit the damage by attempting to have those pupils removed.

I have every reason to believe that it was this extreme situation which prompted the teachers at the Worksop school to act in the way they did. Given that it has been treated with contempt and neglect by the Government for the past 17 years, the record of our teachers is remarkably good. Walter Cairns. Broomhurst Hall. 836 Wilmslow Road

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Past the post | Waste not want

OU report that the Government is aiming to create a scare for homeowners over mortgages. Funny, I thought they had already done that. lane Overhill-Smith. 10 Hillcrest Avenue. Nether Poppleton.

ON Thursday my "morn-ing" post arrived at 5.20pm. Is this a record? Ian Turner. Melbourne, Derbyshire DE78 1EJ.

NOTE that Prince Charles is contributing to the uglifica-tion of the English language. Someone should stop this monstrous carbuncularisation before it is too late. Meynell Crescent, London E9

F THE Church really wants to celebrate both the birth and death of Christ properly, (Letters, September 6, 11, 12 and 13) surely it should be on a 32-year cycle? Roy Lee-Faulkner. Cheshire SK15 2SZ

HERE is no mystery about Norma Major's participa-tion in her husband's election eering; Mr Major only had to remind her that if the Conservatives lose the next election. he would be spending more time at home. H J Alexander. 56 Writtle Road. Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3BU.

WE should be grateful to Oasis for one thing. They have given the three-chord busker some new material to give us all a rest from Bob Chris Wilkins.

13 West Street, Leicester LE1 6XL.

YOUR correspondence on the new landfill tax (Letters, September 11 and 12) raises some points that deserve clarification.

Landfill tax, from October 1, will contribute to the Government's strategy for the sustainable management of waste. It seeks to increase the cost of landfill in order better to reflect its environmental impact; and is intended both to encourage waste producers to produce less waste, and to dispose of less in landfill sites by recycling, composting or energy recovery. Revenues will help to fund a £500 million cut in employers' National Insur-ance contributions.

The tax will be charged at two rates: £7 per tonne for active waste (eg plastic pack-aging and garden rubbish), and £2 per tonne for inactive waste (that which does not generally decompose or release harmful substances, such as bricks or soil). Mixed consign ments will be charged at the higher rate. The tax will be accounted for by landfill-site operators, who will, no doubt, pass the additional cost on to customers. Waste carriers and skip operators will pass on some or all of the cost to the

This means, as Mr Cooke points out (September 11), that the conscientious gardener or DIY enthusiast who hires a skip will have to pay more to dispose of their waste. This should encourage them to reuse or compost more, and to separate active from inactive waste. As Mr Trousdell notes (September 12), skip operators will probably sort waste themes to reduce their tax liability. Householders will no doubt shop around if they are indeed charged £70 "tax" for a 10-tonne load of mixed waste. Beather Massie. Asst Sec, Excise Policy Group. H M Customs and Excise. 3rd Floor West, Ralli Quays, Salford M60 9LA

Strife in the country

BURSTS INTO THE BULL.

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AM glad The Archers is being broadened in scope to reflect life away from a cosy middleclass middle England. With a bit of luck, its shift will allow it to achieve its rightful place alongside Neighbours and East-Enders as tabloid fodder unwor thy of broadsheet attention. It's only a soap opera, you know. John Penny. 45 St Quintin Avenue. London W106NZ.

MBRIDGE is tame. In our North Yorkshire hamlet a farmer tried to sell the village

green, a quango plans to get 10,000 bikes and horses a year through to enjoy the country peace, families fall out over wills, trees are pulled up, sheep dip gets in the drinking water, fighter planes roar above, people thump one another, local men belong to Masonic lodges: such is the rich pattern of real country life. And as for real animals, they are much less respectable than those on radio. (Village politics being what they are, please sign me . . .) Name and address supplied.

Two fingers to the Millennium

Ograndiose schame (Letters, even deener in debt. CIR NORMAN Foster's September 10, 11) resembles two toes on a webbed foot, with the two diverging towers held together by a thin structure. If the central section could be designed out, then the resulting surely be a fitting epitaph to the priorities of the millen-Tim Walker. 11 Port Hall Street

Brighton BN1 5PJ. WHAT a shame that we can't consider the Third World rather than a sky-scraper in our bid to celebrate the millennium. In the 1970s, Western banks lent huge sums to those countries hoping to boost exports and make a

even deeper in debt. A fitting millennium celebration would be to cancel those debts by the year 2000, rather than building towers in the air. Carolyn Walmsley. 194 Skipton Road, Keighley BD21 2SY.

F Sir Norman Foster had argued that it was essential to build high in order to provide ample working space for the anticipated workforce, his argument might have merit. As i is, he is merely arguing that the building should overawe its occupants' foreign competitors. This reminds me of the little boys' game, "Mine's Big-ger Than Yours". Dudley Turner. 52b Madan Road, Westerham, Kent TN16 1DX.

A Country Diary

ANGLESEY: Here again, tra- | bramble covered headland beversing the unmatched east coast north of Dulas Bay. Atlantic grey seals watched our passing from the green swells where submarine copses of lighthouse at Point Lynas. The wracks waved their arms. An present building of 1835 is sucodd call from gulls out on Ynys Dulas, the snuffles of our after 1780. Here, too, stood a seal companions as they sub-merged; these were just about | Trustees of Liverpool Docks the only sounds as we scrambled towards the north. Low tide was well passed, there is no official path above high tide mark on this coast, good progress was necessary to reach Freshwater Bay before we got cut off.

There's no more delectable corner of the Principality than this high lump of north-eastern most Anglesey, a rounded peninsula culminating in the stony top of Mynydd Eilian. traverses round rock spires and hanging buttresses Porthygwichiaid and the

yond. At Freshwater Bay, though, there's no alternative to a high traverse above the cliffs and so on towards the cessor to the one put up soon (one of a chain between Holyhead Mountain and Liverpool which allowed warnings of arriving ships to be passed from Anglesey to the port in four minutes. The electric telegraph made these semaphore stations obsolete before 1850. By the time we'd turned

back from Point Lynas to go over the flank of Mynydd Eilian daylight was failing peninsula culminating in the shorter days is a penalty ex-stony top of Mynydd Eilian. tracted by burgeoning Septem-The common fleabane gilds ber. Beyond the highest the sheep tracks still, on the green sward tilting above the shining sea. One or two siry Fawr, looking out across the eastern sea to the first lights brought us to easy ground — twinkling under the Great the narrowing sand-beach at Orme's west shore.

Some might say Britpop's dysfunctional



Mark Lawson

always sought comparison with the Beatles, Oasis may have finally and indisputably matched one achievement of the group that so shadowed their ambitions: splitting up and, moreover, going their separate ways when one of the two central figures — then John and Paul, now Liam and Manier of the two central figures — then John and Paul, now Liam and Manier of the two central figures — then John and Paul, now Liam and Manier of the central figures — the central f Noel — becomes involved with a controversial singer-performer. But — beyond these cross-decadal debates about whether Patsy Kensit is more Yoko or Linda to her boyfriend Liam — the "Oasis split" story is about more than pop music. In small ways, it touches on creativity, fam-ilies, Britishness and, above all, the media.

Newman & Baddiel, the cre-Newman & Baddiel, the creative duo or group has been his ability to write songs.

prone to, at best, simmering resentments and trial separations and, at worst, total communication breakdown and physical violence. Indeed, the life cycle of cultural co-opera-tion is clearly established: struggle; success; split up.

This is generally because one mind in each unit tends to be the creator and controller, while the other(s) are interpretative and tend, eventually, to feel merely decorative. The lessons of artistic endeavour seem to be that creativity hap-pens alone and celebrity feels best as a solitary sensation. In the younger arts, there is often the added complication that one member is more sexually desirable and active than the other. Noel is said to have envied Liam's copulation roster but for all that and their important differences in age (Noel 29, Liam 23) and temperament (Noel introverted, Liam especially extro-vert), the most combustible diversity between the Gal-lagher brothers was surely that Noel was the songwriter while Liam was the singer. Many of Liam's elaborate antics — the fights, the walkouts, the drinking bouts were probably psychological compensation for his fear that he was Ringo to his brother's John, Garfunkel to his Simon. "I'll carry on as a guitarist and singer just like John Len-non did," Liam is reported to

have said yesterday, but Len-

In the case of the Gal lebrities including Princess laghers, the creative disagree Diana and Terry Venables, ments, nearly inevitable when two people share a stage, were fatally complicated by genes and background. Even the Osmonds - raised in American mid-western comfort as strict Mormons — were not immune from the difficulties of trying to share both blood and limelight, so pity the Gallaghers, poor working-class Mancu-nians from a broken home. If John Lennon, brought up by a doting aunt, perfectly repre-sented the dysfunctional fam-ily of the 1960s, then Noel and Liam exemplified the 1990s ruined brood: a family in which son thumps father and

brother punches brother. The fact that so much al leged information about the brothers is now on public record - Liam's threat to kill his father if he ever saw him again, a description by an ex-girlfriend of a "sex and co-caine hell" — is a measure of the extent to which the Oasis break-up is a model of the media. A common remark about the media coverage of the Princess of Wales has been that royals were written about as if they were rock stars, but the Gallaghers offer a con-trasting example of rock stars being written about as if they were royalty. The tabloids in particular followed an identi-cal pattern of early saccharine

Oasis tried to control their media image by a careful flow of exclusive spin and information to a friendly journalist — in the case of Noel and Liam, pop reporter Andy Coulson of the Sun — but suffered the revenge of excluded newspapers seeking hostile confidences. If there should be any sympathy for the Gallaghers, it must be that they lived through a period in which to be famous meant the existence of dedicated phone numbers printed in newspapers touting for dirt on the pair. Given the internal pres-

The Gallaghers creative disagreements were complicated, fatally, by genes

sures and the external atten-tion, the real surprise is not that divorce seems now to have occurred, but that it was so rapid: from no-ones to page-ones in the space of 18 months. But the intensity of media attention and pressure for new angles has speeded up the life cycle of a story. It is signifi-cant that Oasis's second and adulation giving way to a dili-gent rift-watch.

Like other contemporary ce
adulation giving way to a dili-possible last album. (What's broadcasting have removed the Story) Morning Glory, is the tube's claim to the mas-

not among the biggest-selling albums of all time but is the ence but, curiously, as televi-fustest-selling. (Just as John sion has fragmented, news-Grisham is the fastest-selling novelist.) In a media world of hard-hype and low-stamina, everything happens quicker and so even the band's self-destruction was fast-track. The scale of the media cov-

erage has also been unprece-dented. Middle-aged press exdented. Middle-aged press executives who would sack the
literary editor if he suggested
a symposium on whether Salman Rushdie was better than
Dickens, and would send the
political correspondent on
emergency gardening leave if
he filed a point-by-point comparison of Gladstone and Ashdown, were happy enough to
print detailed check-lists in
the no less ludicrous BeatlesOasis showdown. This was
partly because of a contempt
for pop music as a form and
partly to suggest trendiness,
but mainly because of a curious development in the media. ous development in the media. In the early days of television in Britain, the medium was seen by idealists as a "common culture", the one art which might transcent class which might transcend class and generational divides to bring the population together before the same event. Old telly types still talk mistly of the days when — allegedly the days when — allegedly — the whole nation would be talking in the morning about the same programme shown the night before. Video

sion has fragmented, newspapers have homogenised. Where once there was

and broadsheet news values. increased competition be tween newspapers has led to a rise in lighter, jollier stories at the cost of high-attention reads. The same welterweight entertainment stories — boor ish sportsmen, bi-sexual entertainers, abusive musi-cians — are likely to receive equal play in both the posh and the yob branches of the press. Given the statistical evidence that almost the en-tire adult population sees a newspaper every day, a com-mon culture of sorts has been achieved, at least in the area of entertainment news. Oasis's fame has been helped by this journalistic blur. Finally, like so many modern stories, the tale of Oasis is a story of the relative insig-

nificance of Britain. The noise they make was joyously dubbed Britpop, but, as the band well understood, Britpop could only achieve real meaning by becoming Globe-pop, hence the tour of Amer-ica which has just been abandoned, perhaps in part because American audiences did not respond as the Gallaghers had hoped. Like the numerous manifestations of the British Film industry. desert of their domesticity.

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Bosnians' choice: it's vote or die

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ERE comes the charade, sham, fraud, or shameful joke — take your pick of the epithets used just in recent days to characterise them of the Bosnian elections. It has become wearisome to enumerate the ways in which they fall short of anything approaching democracy, and in which they will tend toward partition and the rehabilitation of crimi-nals, killers and politicians of the worst kind.

We have European taxpay. ers' money handed over to vio-lent, racist parties and movements. In the Croat-Muslim federation, what there is of a liberal, ethnically mixed oppo-sition has been cowed into inaction in Croatian areas and harassed in some Muslim areas. In the Serbian "entity",

we have Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic leering in the background, their por-traits waved about at recent meetings in spite of the stric-tures of the electoral authorities. We have Croatian thugs just barely contained in Mostar. Forensic teams unearth fresh bodies, almost certainly those of Srebrenica Muslims

massacred by Serbs, as the schemes to have displaced Serbs vote in formerly Muslim localities, like Srebrenica, come to fruition. The Muslim dead are in the graves, the Muslim living are far from home, and the Serbian votes are in the ballot box.

Kris Janowski, the laconic Pole who is the spokesman in Sarajevo of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, puts it well when he says that "The cleansing club is up for election." The club of other for election." The club of eth-nic cleansers is likely not just to win, but to win by a land-slide, while those who bear most of the ultimeter recession. most of the ultimate responsibility for the tragedy of Yugo-slavia, Slobodan Milosevic (now expecting the lifting of economic sanctions within 10 days of the vote) and Franjo

agreeing recognition of on another's states. They look forward, more or less comfortably, to further years in power, during which the parts of Bosnia which each covet and already partly control can be attached to Serbia and Croatia more firmly, even if fictions about a separate Bosnia have to be observed.

up a game which the wrong men are — again — going to win? The failure of the Daytor scheme has become a com monplace about which people no longer wish to be informed and the elections a botched damaging business that has to be gone through, like a shotgun marriage, just to get it out of the way. In retrospect, it is clear that

the critical flaw in the Dayton agreement was to provide for elections, certainly for elections by a particular date. An open-ended occupation, with no specific time for elections, could have devoted itself to the economic and social reorganisation of Bosnia. This would have denied the locally powerful the chance to use and extend that power be-Tudjman, have squared their cause, like it or not, a partner-differences to the extent of ship with them had to be

entered into if the election | test for the powers that be, a | course for himself and his show was to be staged. The | test of their control of the | family Provoke the local proshow was to be staged. The elections made the Europeans and Americans prisoners of a process which the worst ele-ments were well placed to ex-ploit. It gave them more lever-age than it did us, and made it certain that the elections would defeat the purpose which they were intended to further, genuine choice for the people of Bosnia.

There had to be a date, how-

ever, because Clinton's own elections demanded Bosnian elections as a guarantee that American troops could be withdrawn. The Clinton ad-ministration had itself drawn up the code — evident Ameri-can interests, no troops under UN command, and a definite exit plan — which deprived it. and America's allies, and Bos-nia, of the flexibility needed. The package of troops, aid, and elections is a particularly American package. It appeals because it combines American values in an attractive way: the power of the armed forces. the importance of money business, and prosperity in creating the conditions for normal politics, and, finally,

the democratic ritual of the

None of this is exactly wrong in principle, but it is wrong headed in practice. The wrong neages in practice. The troops operate under unspoken conditions that shield them from confrontation or, worse still actual fighting, and which prevent them, for instance, from arresting war criminals or imposing free-dom of movement. The aid money, much of it, ends up in the hands of the locally powerful, who are the same people who ran the war. The elec-

population.
This was always the function of elections in communist and other authoritarian states. The regime demonstrates control, the people aftern that control. firm that control. If there are failures of control — a less than adequate turn-out, oblique hints of criticism in the press, faint applause — it shows that the cadres have not done their job, or that there are factional differences among the rulers. There may be shifts of policy, both coercive and conciliatory, later, after the election. The staging

of displays of affirmation is one of the characteristic activities of one-party regimes.

It is a form of gymnastics that the main Bosnian parties have continued from the old days and at which they are practised, although they differ somewhat in the degree of

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cynicism and ruthlesness Under these circumstances. when an ordinary person votes in Bosnia, he does not ask himself whether he wants to live in an ethnic statelet, or in a united Bosnia. He asks himself how he can live at all. Whatever the complexity of his feelings about the war and croatian areas in particular, what has happened, he has to that the choices that they feel what has happened, he has to that the choices that they fee ask himself what is the safest it is safe to take will open up.

family. Provoke the local "pro-tectors" or propitiate them? Take a chance on a challenger or stick with the bosses he knows? If he chooses the latter course he will often persuade himself that the leaders are worthy of his loyalty and their policies right and proper, that he is not doing it, in other words, just because he is scared. The anger, frustration, and secret shame is displaced

on to other ethnic groups or on to foreign meddlers. The designers of Dayton made conditions about the conduct of the elections. But, even had they been wholly ful-filled, it is unlikely they would have made much difference to the outcome this time. The outside powers and the local regimes have used one another and come to lean on one another, and the result has

been a sort of collusion. There is, however, a second chance. in the form of the elections that are supposed to be held in September 1998. It could be a different story next time, if we take a different approach.

The West has to retain a military presence in Bosnia to prevent, in the first place, a Croat-Muslim war. It could combine that presence with a much more vigorous approach to media freedom, political be-haviour, freedom of movement, and war criminals, and with the systematic direction of aid to all-Bosnia projects rather than to those which help the entities. It is only when Bosnians sense a will that is more powerful than that of most of their present leaders, in the Serbian and

Price and power



Martin Kettle

HUNDERING off the runway at Farnborough last weekend, the Euro-fighter 2000 was certainly the loudest aircraft in my experi-ence. And one of the most exciting. As well as one of the

most expensive.

But what is it actually for:
Is it something we need? And will it ever go into production | Italian or even the Padanian anyway?

It is terribly easy, watching the Eurofighter coursing across the sky accompanied by a Battle of Britain Spitfire. to feel a patriotic glow at this symbolic conjunction of the old and the new. But sentimentality comes easily at Farmborough. And it blinds the brain to the real questions about the £40 billion project, which most British politicians seem deeply averse to

However good an aircraft the Eurolighter may be - and there is more than one view about that — it is undoubtedly a child of the Cold War. It was conceived when western Europe assumed that it fared an armed, airborne, super-power threat from Russia. There were two views about that too, of course, but at least the theory bore some plausible relationship to the realities of the time.

So too, though controversial in a different way, did the notion of a joint western European fighter project. Eurofighter was an affirmation that we didn't have to rely on the Americans for our defences. It was proof that Europe could make it alone. Its embodiment of the claim to European superpower status marks it as a distinctive pro-ject of the 1980s, too. It is the quintessence of Heseltinism.

But these are the 1990s. The world has changed. We don't face an airborne superpower threat any longer, if indeed we ever did. Russia is even less bent on attacking western Europe now than it was be-fore. It has enough problems alone picking fights with countries which are bankrolling its struggle for survival.

In those circumstances, the notion of a distinctively European fighter becomes even fuzzier still. If Europe no longer aspires to be the world's third superpower, what is it doing producing this

Certainly not France, which long ago baled out of a project which it was only interested in dominating. And, crucially, not Germany either, Germany has always been extremely lukewarm about the Eurolukewarm about the Eurofighter, partly because it has a
much clearer view of the postCold War world than Britain,
partly because it was quicker
to question the viability of the
project in the age of the missile, and partly because even
Germany couldn't afford it.
And if Germany questioned
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the costs in the early 1990s, in an era of national optimism, how much more likely is it that Germany will question the costs in the latter part of the decade, at a time when it is grimly cutting public spending and as the time approaches when it must decide whether to go through with its order for 140 Eurofighters. The German press this week The German press this week is full of reports that Bonn will put off the order yet again. Only a genuinely naive person can be confident that in the end Germany will not

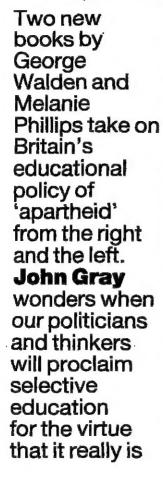
pull out. In which case, who will buy? Eurofighter will not pay its way as a result of the orders from the Spanish, the one serious customer: us.

It is a mark of the poverty of our public debate that a project of this kind can barely impinge upon our politics.
The most sensible utterances
on the subject come in Alan Clark's diaries, in which he argues for maintaining the R&D industrial obligation while avoiding a commitment to production. Rarely has so little been said by so many about so much. That Michael Portillo, who ought to be an ideological sceptic about Eurofighter, and who opposed it when he was Chief Secretary, is now promising to buy 232 of these expensive, obsolescent and purposeless planes is one of the more extraordinary events of our times.

But let us pass over that for the moment. Let us ask also why neither the Liberal Democrats nor the Labour Party, which was deeply sceptical about the pro-ject originally, do not question its necessity today? We know the answer to that, of course; that they are afraid of being accused of being disarmers, and that they will do nothing to provide political ammuni-tion for the Tories.

Among most politicians, this passes as mature worldly wisdom. But is it really true that a serious debate about defence needs will send voters rushing to the Conservatives? And is it wise for a prospective Labour government — es-pecially one which has denied itself so many other spending options — to pass up even the possibility of reviewing the illions which will be spent or Eurofighters during the next 20 years? Labour's utter unwillingness to talk about defence will cost it and us dear.

The language of priorities is the religion of socialism, said Bevan on one occasion. On that basis alone, there is little justification for so much public money being spent on a plane? What is the purpose of project whose purpose is so a project whose military role unclear and whose fulfilment is unclear, whose costs have overrun by nearly 100 per cent in a decade and which in any case will not be available until the rest on something useful? 2001? Who wants it and, of Can't we at least discuss it?





'I'll play George Walden, you be Melanie Phillips, and the one with the most devastating critique of liberalism wins'

Grasping the nettle

cal debate about education there is one curious area of silence. No one mentions private schools. A generation ago it was a defining issue between the parties. Labour argued that Britain could not be a classless society so long as it contained privileged in-dependent schools. The Tories held that private edu-cation was an expression of the freedom of people to spend their own money as they choose.

Both sides accepted that what governments do about private schooling will make a large difference to the sort of country we live in. The issue between them was not settled. It was too fundamental to be resolved in the culture of compromise that ruled Brit-ish politics before Thatcher ter of Higher Education ish politics before Thatcher came to power. But Britain's two-tier schooling system did not vanish from political discourse. It remained a bitterly contested territory in the national debate about

Only now that the Thatcher episode is plainly over have independent schools entered a political safe haven. For all parties they have become a no-go area, sheltered from debate by a new consensus on their insignificance. Yet the realities are at odds with this post-Thatcherite consensus. If private schools are so unimportant, why do parents scrape and save to pay the fees for them? How do we realled the schools were called comprehensives. After a period of silence the minister asked if, in Britain children of different shilling wars not explain the fact that 80 per cent of 15-year-olds at independent schools gain five or more GCSE passes at grades A to C, against a national it that, though around 7 per cent of Britain's children go to private schools, nine out of ten of them go on to make up average of 43 per cent? Why is around a quarter of the stu-

dents in higher education? For the right, these facts show state schools to be inherently inferior institutions. For the left they show only starved of resources. No one | education's disbelief can be | mote social mobility when

among European countries should have a private-sector education system that proresults than state schools. nation schooling system in cess. No communist or post-any other western democracy communist state has ever had — except, ominously, in the United States, where a ruthless overclass is withdrawing from all public institutions into fortress-like "planta-

tions".

The answer may be found in an anecdote that George Walden tells in his path breaking and potentially piv-otal book We Should Know Better: Solving The Education Crisis (published on Monday by Fourth Estate, 19.99), Walden, the free-thinkunder Margaret Thatcher, was sent by her to China, where he had worked as a diplomat, to represent Britain at the opening of a new university. During his visit he talked with the Chinese minister of education, who was struggling to repair the devas-tation of the Cultural Revolution and was interested in British experience. The min-ister asked Walden if it was true that all secondary childof different abilities were put not just in the same schools but in the same classes. That too, Walden replied, was often done. "The minister's face," Walden writes, "was a carica-ture of incredulity ... the

Marco Polo describing inex-plicable western practices to Kublai Khan." The Chinese minister of

by pressing them on their curious customs would be im-polite. Already I felt like

N THE raucous politi- | questions why Britain alone | found almost everywhere in the world. All of the East Asian countries, including Japan, take selective schoolduces consistently better ing for granted as an aspect of their meritocratic Confucian Few ask why there is nothing traditions and as a vital con-resembling Britain's two-dition of their economic succomprehensive education. All European countries apart from Britain have gymnasia systems in which pupils with different abilities go to differ-

ent schools. In Britain alone is selective state education reviled as a species of educational apartheid. And only in Britain is there segregation of pupils into two races, destined for unequal development in sepa-rate systems of schooling.

HERE is a tacit educational settlement in Britain, whereby a privitor flourishes in comfortable coexistence with underperforming state schools. This settlement has always been anomalous. Its persistence now is an absur-dity — particularly for New Labour. It is one of New Labour's axioms that there cannot be economic renewal in Britain without educational reform. In a world in which, more than ever before, knowledge and skills make the difference between national wealth and poverty. no economic policy can compensate for poor schools.

Moreover Labour's modernisers accept that the days of redistribution through the tax system are over. Social justice for them

means equal opportunity — a fairer primary distribution of skills and talents. But how can these admirable onenation ideals be reconciled with a two-nation school system in which all the unfairness of our inherited class structures is magnified by widening economic inequalities? How can Labour proselection by merit is prohib-ited in the state sector and an placing children with varying affluent minority chooses to buy its children out of it? In these circumstances there is a fundamental conflict between New Labour's meritocratic commitment to equal oppor-tunity and Old Labour egalitarian opposition to selection

in state schools.

Walden makes unambiguously clear that he does not favour abolition of private schools. Instead he advocates policies that encourage pri-vate schools gradually to join the state sector. He demands the abolition of the grubby and costly — on current projections around £200 million a year - Assisted Places Scheme. Departing from both Tory and New Labour ortho-doxies, he urges that an extra

£5 billion a year be spent on state schools. But, as he acknowledges, such added resources will not end two-nation schooling unless the overarching commitment to "the comprehensive ideal" is dropped. Schools such as Manchester Grammar School will not re-enter the state sector unless they retain fully the freedom to admit pupils selectively on academic merit. The middle classes will not opt back into the state sector until they are convinced that it is as suc cessful as independent schools in teaching children according to their differing abilities.

We cannot go back to the wasteful and cruel one-off selection practised in the 11-plus. Yet, if we are to track the more successful systems of other European countries

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abilities in different subjects into separate classes - that are currently being discussed. Teaching by ability may mean different schools as well as separate classes. This is a nettle that, stung by the Harman affair - Labour's Dreyfus Case, as Walden calls it - New Labour has yet to

It should be clear to every-one that a far-reaching shift of educational theory and practice is under way in Britain. The experience of a generation is being radically reassessed. It is a process not without its own risks. In All Must Have Prizes (Little Brown, £17.50), Melanie Phil-lips has launched a fierce and wide-ranging attack on the teaching methods and social philosophy which — she claims — have damaged Brit-ish education over the past 30 years. Sometimes her broad-side hits the mark. There can be no doubt that, as Tony Blair and David Blunkett have recognised, quality has been sacrificed for equality in many primary and compre-hensive schools. There is good evidence that, on most relevant measures, British schoolchildren are a year or more behind their counterparts in comparable countries. This is a telling

fact that cannot be repeated too often. Yet Phillips's diagnosis of the causes of failure in our schools is a wild far rago of rightwing cultural critiques. Much of the book is not

about schools at all. It is a tirade against the age. She we will need to develop forms excoriates contemporary fam-of selection that go well be-

> favoured by the new right but now one of its most articulate critics. His books include Beyond The New Right and Englightenment's Wake (both published by Routledge), and he writes regularly on the Guardian's

comment pages

culture in which individual choice is central. She puts the blame for most, if not all, the ills of society on "moral relativism" and liberal questioning of authority.
It is doubtful whether Phil-

lips has any idea what moral relativism is, or how that abstruse doctrine may have affected practical life. The overwhelming likelihood is that 'relativism" has no role at all in causing social problems or explaining educational failure. Authority cannot be restored in the late modern world — assuming that to be desirable — by declaiming its collapse from the rooftops. The sources of failure in our institutions are older, more

tangled and less tractable than Phillips perceives. Though she constantly attacks liberals for treating schools as instruments for schools as instruments for social engineering, her view of them is not much different. Like the American neo-conservative culture warriors who are her principal inspiration, she sees schools as vehi-cles for rightwing cultural engineering. Yet only an ideologue of the most blin-kered and utopian kind could imagine that schools can correct the flaws of a deeply fractured society.

The most fundamental de-

fect of British education is the one it is least politically convenient to mention. It is the division of children into separate castes that arises inexo-rably from large economic in-equalities, in combination with a state sector in which selection on merit is discouraged. As long as this endures no one can seriously claim that Britain has been modernised. Are we condemned for ever to a dreary comedy in which politicians of the right declare their passionate commitment to the nation while taking the utmost pains to insulate their offspring from any contact with it, and modernisers on the left allow a two-nation schooling system to be renewed in deference to a bankrupt ideal of comprehensive equality?

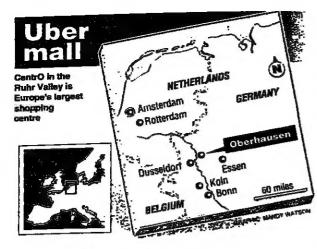


to music. Onlookers taunt him and force him to drink been Why? Because they're teaching him to 'dance' for tourists who pay to watch his agonising waitz. The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)

rescues 'dancing bears' and takes them to sanctuarie where they can be free of pain and suffering. But we can't carry out our life-saving work without the support of people like you. Your gift of just £10, or whatever you can

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IAN TRAYNOR in Oberhausen asks if Germans will buy a US-style temple to consumerism



Facts and figures

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11,500 seating capacity. Business park: Size: 110,000 sq m.

rivate tunds: DM2bn (£0.88bn) opping centre: DM900m. eisure park: DM70m. Business park: DM300m.

Transport access:
Free parking for 10,500 cars.



Welcome to the leisure zone

voice choirs sang their hearts out, and the bright new world of a con-sumer paradise arose from the bones of the heavy industrial past.

'A momentous day", "a unique partnership between government and the private sector", "the most exciting regeneration project in Europe". Such were the excla-mations at the mall's opening ceremony. On Thursday in the depressed town of Ober-hausen in the Ruhr, Ger-many's industrial heartland. CentrO was born.

A temple to post-industrial consumption, CentrO is the elggest shopping centre in Europe and built in a country and a culture renowned nei-

vice sector. The gleaming steel, slate and red-brick of the 200-acre

HE champagne remains of an old Thyssen phalia Germany's most popu-flowed, the male steel mill and is therefore lous state and within easy portrayed as the perfect sym bol of urban renewal.

More than 200 shops, a huge aquarium, 30 restaurants hotels, tennis courts, a concert hall and business park have replaced the smelters foundries, furnaces, and rolling mills of the Ruhr.

But no thanks to German entrepreneurs, who could not summon any enthusiasm for the project. In a joint venture with P&O, Eddie Healey of the Hull-based Stadium Group — which built Sheffield's Meadowhall mall ploughed in DM1.1 billion (£478 million) and was the driving force behind the

project.
"It's amazing," says Mr Healey. "No developer in Germany was prepared to take this on. If this had been in Britain, I would have had a dozen competitors. But here

lous state and within easy driving distance of Holland and Belgium. Around 27 mil lion people live within a 150-mile radius. The aim is to draw in 30 million punters a year, and Mr Healey asserts that the complex will create some 10,000 jobs in a town where 14.6 per cent of the population is unemployed.

That is where the whinging

and the trouble start. Ger-many is trapped in high unemployment, weak economic performance and structural crisis. There is an air of tiredness and complacency about the economy that recalls pre-Thatcher Britain, although there are no obvious radicals waiting in the wings to spearhead a Thatcher-style assault on the nostrums of post-war Germany.

But. with its reliance on site have risen over four Centro sits smack in the the Centro shopping-mall the 6,000 jobs already created years from the derelict middle of North Rhine-West-phenomenon is less than pas-

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sionate. The 230 shops will still be constrained by some of the most restrictive retailing hours in Europe, although those hours are to be modestly extended in November, after years of argument. The local zoo-keeper is com-

plaining that the CentrO aquarium will seriously reduce the number of visitors his site receives. Regional traders and shop-owners are manufacturing and an ambiv- livid, arguing that the mall alence about the service sector. Germany's embrace of tomers and income. Half of

nomic analyst at the economics research institute in nearby Essen, vacancies in the mall are not being filled because many of the unemployed — on earnings-related welfare in what has been traditionally a high-pay region — are better off on the dole.

This is contested by the Oberhausen dole office, whose director, Adelheid Sa-gemueller, insists she had 11,500 applicants for 3,500 jobs at CentrO.

The project represents a

According to Heinz large slice of American con-Schrumpf, a Ruhr region eco-sumer culture transplanted to Germany precisely at the time when the country's business, banking, and political elites are agonising about whether that is the right direction for the country as a

whole to take. Leading industrialists are campaigning hard for deregulation, less red tape, lower overheads, reduced taxes on in short, an inject tion of the American busipractices of Germany's They would never get the de-"social market economy". velopment permission now,

ing for more flexibility and risk-taking to spur the economy, Chancellor Helmut Kohl also regularly inveighs against Reaganism and That-cherism, making plain his preference for more staid German practices. The unions and the opposition Social Democrats are similarly wedded to the anti-

American business ethos. So it is somewhat of a parabuilt with the full support of the state's minister-president. Johannes Rau. a Social Democrat grandee.

Mr Schrumpf sees no salvation in a vigorous services sector. "You can't succeed here with services alone," he says. "You need an industrial core and a manufacturing their country into a giant "leiheart. And the money being spent at CentrO has to be earned somewhere else. Be sides, they were lucky in their timing with Centro.

But while constantly call- under the regulations protect-ng for more flexibility and ing small retail outlets and small business Mr Healey finds it hard to

believe that in such a big economy as Germany's the shopping mall culture is so much in its infancy. "This is the only one like this in Germany, maybe a tenth of what's in the UK. We've got four big shopping mails and another four are

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being built. But next door in Bottrop this summer. Time, Warner also opened its huge Movie World entertainment and lei-

sure complex. Mr Kohl once famously complained that Germans, with their high wages, long holidays and generous welfare system, were turning

In the old steel and mining towns of the Ruhr. muscle built post-war Gerreality in the shape of CentrO

Chirac repairs phone lines

Sanchia Berg in Warsaw

RENCH president Jacques Chirac was effusive this week about his first tal: "I have never found such a warm reception as in Warsaw ... I think the relationship between the French and the Poles is something in the

But the warmth of his remarks gave no hint that the relationship between the two countries is under strain in one key commercial area. France Telecom is locked in dispute with the Polish government, claiming breach of contract over a licence to operate mobile phones.

The Polish telephone network is in sore need of investment. In the countryside there are six phones per 100 households — a lower ratio than in Russia. People wait decades for a telephone line. One telephone engineer said: "I waited 22 years for my phone — and I work for the

France Telecom came to the rescue in 1991, agreeing to set up an analogue, national mobile phone network in part-nership with the US firm Ameritech and state-owned Telekomunikacja Polska.

The result, Centretel, was very successful and highly profitable, although it offered limited coverage and de-manded outrageous prices for

Both foreign investors said they recognised analogue would be made obsolete by the European-developed GSM digital phone system. They claim they only committed themselves to Centretel on the promise of a GSM licence. The frequencies for two GSM networks became free last year, released by the Polish army. To the surprise of Ameritech and France Telecom, licences were handed to other consortiums. The two suits in the International

Court of Justice in The

Hague. France Telecom did not stop there. The company stopped all funding for Poland's only

specialist college for telecor

munications engineers. The Franco-Polish School of New Technologies in Poznan is modelled on the French grandes ecoles. It is the only such school outside France entitled to give a grande ecole diploma in New Technologies and Management Skills. Twenty per cent of its graduates go to work for France Telecom — the rest are snapped

up by other companies.
Helping Poland join the
European Union was President Chirac's theme this week, and his presence put pressure on the Polish side. An embarrassed Aleksander Kwasniewski. Poland's presi-"There is a good chance now to solve the problem of France Telecom.

According to the Polish deputy telecoms minister. Andrzej Ksiezny, France Telecom is ready to withdraw its legal action if it is promised a licence to run a third GSM network, on a different fre-quency. Tenders for that licence should open later this

Lurocats

Mushrooming fast food firm delivers the goods

Spain's pizza delivery king is about to be floated on the stock market, Adela Gooch reports from Madrid

SO THEY'RE

AWAY FROM THE

REST OF ITALY.

PLANNING TO BREAK

N JUST nine years, Tele-pizza's Vespa delivery boys have become a familiar feature of Spanish cities. Now the country's first and most successful pizza-to-your-door chain is set to float a 40 per cent stake on the stock exchange, ending a fierce battle for control between

The company, set up in 1987 with 10 million pese-tas, has almost 200 outlets in Spain and employs 2,000 full time and 10,000 part time staff. There are 50 branches around the globe. The venture is an entre-preneurial success story relatively rare in Spain. where Franco's paternalis-tic nationalised economy

created an environment in which most people only as-pire to a safe job in the civil The credit is due to Leopoldo Fernández, known as Leo, a Cuban-born Ameri-

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nity to provide Spaniards with the same pizza service that proved so popular in the US, and to secure the market before big established companies moved in. It was a risk. Spaniards

have their own fast food tapas — small portions of delicious dishes served in bars. But tapas bars do not deliver and as Spain acquires northern habits of working harder and employing fewer servants, eating patterns are changing. Leo left a well-paid mar keting job in the United States and set up in a mod-est suburb of Madrid, testing out his own pizza base recipe with local children. Their older, Vespa-owning siblings were employed to

Growth was phenomenal with profits multiplying three fold from 375 million pesetas in 1994 to 1,000 million last year. But as the business grew, so did tween 16,000 and resentment from minority million, at the cor investors who controlled rapid growth sector. can who saw an opportu-

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deliver the product.

just over half the capital, and wanted a share in the profits. They accused Leo of high handed autocracy, and he argued the benefits should be ploughed back into the business.

As rumours of interested buyers, including the De Benedetti group and risk capital company Warburg Pincus, began to circulate, anger exploded in a coup spearheaded by Leo's own brother Eduardo.

But Vietnam veteran Leo. a born fighter, staged a comeback this year selling 18 per cent of his 40 per cent stake to Banco de Bilbao y Vizcaya, one of Spain's big four banks. BBV acted as mediator and put forward a peace plan

which led to Leo's return.

The flotation expected in
the next couple of months
will provide Telepizza with
capital for further expansion and give BBV a way
out of a business which does not fit in with its other activities. During last year's infighting, Telepiz-za's value was estimated at 10,000 million pesetas (£52 million). Now it is between 16,000 and 20,000 million, at the core of a

PC sales 'recovery' fails to quell Olivetti fears

John Glover reports from Milan on the erosion of the

veneer of viability at De Benedetti group

AVING begun life making typewriters. Olivetti risks ending it as a victim of the typewriter's successor — the personal computer. The PC made its name, and the PC too has bled

Despite restructurings, in the first half of the year Oli-vetti's PC business lost just under 16 billion lire (£7 million) — better than before, but still too much. Analysts wonder whether the apparent recovery is all it seems. The PC business achieved sales in the first half of this year of 991 billion lire, just under a quarter of the group total of 4.23 trillion lire. But

as Alberto Rolla, an analyst at Milan securities bouse Pasfin points out, if you strip out purchases by other bits of Oliretti, PCs made up just under 12 per cent of sales.

The corporation's bigges business is Olivetti Systems and Services, which accounts for about 60 per cent of group sales. OSS is also Olivetti Personal Computers' largest cus-tomer. This raises questions about prices and conditions. OSS, the argument runs

might be performing less well than it should on account of

its relationship with its weaker sibling.

The relationship between OSS and the PC business is not the only issue that is worrying analysts. One of the more obscure points about Olivetti's figures is how many PCs it has in its warehouse and what they are worth. "The PC has the shelf life of a lettuce," says one London an-alyst. Past the due date, nei-ther fresh vegetables nor PCs are worth very much.



Open to question . . . group

Olivetti has so far shrunk away from closing its PC op-erations. But this week, it said the business was no longer strategic and that it would seek a partner for it. In part, this relustance to not part, this reluctance to act drastically is on account of opposition from unions, poli-ticians and even the local ticians and even the local bishop. In part, too, it is simply because it would cost too much. That means the busi-

ness will stay open as the search for a partner goes on.
The PC business is unlikely to cause a meltdown at Olivetti. If a disaster is waiting to hannen it is probable to to happen, it is probably in

the accounts already, and concerns the De Benedetti group as a whole.

The banks have so far kept their distance from the turmoil surrounding Olivetti, playing down concerns. playing down concerns over its ability to meet its obliga-tions. At an industry conference this week, senior industry figures put on a show of confidence: "This is not another Ferfin," said the general manager of one of Olivetti's largest lenders.

But the ghost of Raul Gardini's Ferminal Financials dini's Ferruzzi Pinanziaria haunts the Olivetti affair. Once Italy's second-largest private sector concern, in 1993 Ferfin collapsed under

the enormous weight of hitherto unsuspected debts. By using multiple deposits to back credit lines, and a network of shell companies in tax havens, Gardini and his successors found imaginative ways of hiding their company's massive exposure. At the top of the De Bene-

detti group is the family strongbox a company named Carlo De Benedetti & Figli This owns a 25 per cent stake in Cofide, a listed company which exists to hold a 43 per cent stake in CIR, the main holding company. CIR owns 14.44 per cent of Olivetti, as well as stakes in other companies — including Cerus, the owner of French vehicle com-ponents firm Valeo. This week, the French authorities began looking into press leaks of CIR's plans to sell Va-

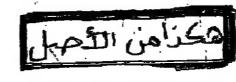
leo to a French group.

The De Benedetti group has hocked many of its shares to the banks in exchange for loans. This week it emerged that Chase Manhattan had lent CIR 300 billion lire against shares amounting to They are now worth rather

less than 200 billion lire.
Group sources acknowledge
Valeo shares have been
pledged as collateral, though it is not clear how many. The Italian press has reported that shares in other group companies have been pledged to guarantee loans to Carlo De Reported it and the state of the st

Benedetti & Figli.

The collapse in the bourse value of the group's Italian companies leaves bankers wondering just how much their collateral is worth. And that raises questions about De Benedetti's exposure, and his ability to pay.



Development will boost Private Finance Initiative and put luxury homes into Whitehall building

Freasury flats deal signed



after awarding the flagship contract for the £200 million redevelopment of its Whitehall headquarters to a private con-sortium which will turn part of the Grade II-listed building into luxury flats.
The high-profile redevelop-

ment marks a watershed for the Private Finance Initiative, the Government's scheme to transfer capital in-vestment from the public to the private sector, which has been heavily criticised for

having too much red tape.

The Treasury responded to critics by pledging a more streamlined process and an overhaul of civil service attitudes to project procurement. A spokesman said of the deal finalised last night: "We are very pleased. The chancellor named this as a key project and we can now be seen to be

leading from the front.

"We will be paying a similar rent to the company when we move back in as the one we pay now, but we have got the private sector to pay the £200 million to redevelop the building."

successful bidder, comprises Bovis, Stanbope, Chesterton International and Hambros. It is headed by Stuart Lipton who beat his former business partner Godfrey Bradman to

Exchequer will be joined by Chelsfield and architects Foster & Partners, headed by Sir Norman Foster — who ran in to controversy earlier this week with plans to build Europe's tallest skyscraper in the City. Conservation specialists Feilden & Mawson

will also work on the project. The consortium will recoup some of its costs by selling the



flats, which will boast one of | Council, both of which must the world's most exclusive huge premium. These top peoples' homes will be towards the back of the present building, overlooking St James' Park and Buckingham

Planning sensitivities have held up official confirmation of the details. The bidders did

approve any changes. Exchequer's managing director Paul Lewis said: "This project will meet our objectives: to respect, restore and update an historic building and to provide the Treasury with a working environment

fit for the 21st century, while

offering good value for

proceed to the next stage of the process on this most pres igious of PFI projects.

Experts have estimated that the losers, led by Mr Bradman, will have spent up to 21 million on the year-long preparations for the bld. The Treasury said it would take another month to resolve

planning issues and to issue "We are all delighted that models and drawings of the our ideas and efforts have new-look building at Great out of the 22,000 square metres of office space in 1998 - by which time it anticipated that the number of civil servants in the Treasury will

The address of the new Treasury headquarters has not been announced. Officials are reluctant to ruffle civil servants' feathers by going public with it before the deal

have been cut from 1,000 to

is finalised, but staff will not A site in central London

has been earmarked and, if to be based with his officials, it must be within the earshot of Parliament's division bell. Exchequer will have three clear years to redevelop the building before the Treasury pects to reoccupy half of its

acquisitions, brand invest-

spokesman said it was wrong "for a company like us to look

at the short term only — we have to think of the middle to

— which are managed by Whitbread — have held up

lager, which is competing in a

stagnant sector of the beer

market, showed an increase

as recorded sales growth of

What concerns analysts,

Sales of Heineken in the UK

long term."

Notebook

Running away is just not 'in'



Alex Brummer

rope, with the exception of Britain, this autumn's political debate is dominated by the path to European monetary union. The Bundestag yesterday was debating the most significant overhaul of the German social settlement, since post-war reconstruction, as the Kohl governme the great driver of the single currency cause seeks to bring its budget inside the Maastricht criteria.

In France, the Chirac administration is hammering out a pensions deal with France Telecom, as part of its effort to squeeze the budget deficit within the 3 per cent of gross domestic product Here, in Europe's financial

centre, the discussion of monetary union is only conspicuous by its absence. John Major is doing his best to have the Dublin summit (scheduled for October 5, just before the Tory conference) postponed. In its recently issued "New opportunities for Britain", the Labour Party, evoking the misleading language of the Eurosceptics "rejects the idea of a European superstate". As for the single currency, that must be determined "by a hard-headed look at its economic practicalities". This is as if there had not been enough opportunities for such hardheaded looks since Maastricht. Only the TUC dared throw its support behind the euro at its conference this week. That maybe explains why Tony Blair is scuttling so

fast in the other direction. The reality is, the more that main parties, with the honourable exception of the Liberal Democrats, pretend there is nothing much to be done about monetary union at present, the more difficult the economic and financial practicalities become. Of course, in the background, practical steps have to be taken. There was a minor flurry 10 days ago when the BBC suggested instance, be any intra-day that the Governor of the Bank settlement of euros in London of England, Eddle George, was in Frankfurt at the Euro oean Monetary Insitute, the forerunner of the European

central bank, battling away

for thousands of jobs in the

City of London.

THE reality is rather different. The Bank, for all well. The company's standard the additional authority it has been given for the con of about 5 per cent while the premium Heineken Export policy, is still ultimately par of the Treasury. While Mr George can fight in Frankfurt for a level playing field in monetary and payment sys-tems, he is inhibited by the fact that the UK is still a "maybe" as far as monetary

wever, are the signs that other European beer markets are static and that this is leading, increasingly, to price widely perceived as an "out".

Mr George has a particularly difficult path to tread. competition particularly on non-premium brands. Although Heineken is reckoned to be the most international brewer - Anheuser earns most of its revenues from the US — the company still relies on the European

As guardian of the City's role as Europe's main financial centre he has to ensure that the financial community here is on top of the technical issues which need to be tackled. On Monday, Mr George and his main emissary in Europe, John Townend, will resent an update on the City's efforts to be ready for a euro regime. If, for instance, the London futures market

nance in foreign currency op-tions contracts, it will need to tackle awkward issues about the continuity of contracts on the day that the German mark, the French franc and the old European currency unit, the ecu, become the euro. An issue which has tax implications, too.

This is not a comfortable role for Mr George, who above all would describe himself as a euro-pragmatist. He and the Bank have come to recognise that the driving force behind the euro is as much political as economic. Thus, in the process of bending convergence criteria to ensure that there are enough "in" countries to make EMU viable, other factors which signal convergence such as wide income gaps between member countries and differential unemployment rates, are swept under the carpet.

F THE Governor utters such thoughts, as he has one on several occasions, he risks, in the low-quality UK political debate, being shovelled into the Euro-sceptic camp. That may not seem to matter, except that there is now some evidence to suggest that the UK's indifference to the euro is starting to disad-vantage the UK in technical

discussions.

If the EU "outs" were to be reated exactly the same as those inside, there ought to be no fundamental reason why the City's leading financial centre status should be in doubt. Take foreign exchange might be thought that collaps-ing 13 currencies into one, the euro, would be a disaster for London banks which profit from trading a range of com-

binations of these pairs.
As a new study by Salomon
Brothers in the US points out, these trades are dwarfed by trades in dollar/yen and dol-lar/German mark, with dollar trades representing 84 per cant of volume. Only 10 per cent of trades in New York and 15 per cent in London are intra-European. In that these trades would probably be replaced by those among "outs" and "ins" in Europe and that the volumes of dol lar/euro trades might be greater than that of dollar/ mark there might be very little difference in volumes once the system settles down.

However, if the rules were drawn so there could not, for because Britain was outvestment hankers operating out of London might decide there is reason to move some of their money market and foreign exchange dealings to Frankfurt or Paris, even though the cost structure would be far worse.

It is possible, cruising through the technicalities for instance, on primary euro bond issuing authority - to find several cases where the "ins" could steal some commercial advantage or, at worst, punish the "outs" for their indifference. It may not be good economics or in keepfinancial system, but it is an opportunity for self-interest.

Anyone who does not be-lieve any of this only has to look at the preparations for Dublin in October. The European Union is into punishment. The proposed punitive sanctions against countries who stray from Maastrich budget criteria are an example of the rigidities which left alone, the Germans and French could build in important that the UK, with its liberal economic tradiwished to maintain its domi- tions, is part of the process.

has insisted on radical

amendments to original

32.6 per cent of the British soft drinks market, of which Coke itself has

18.6 per cent. according to

Deverage Digest, the US trade publication.
Cadbury had run the bottling plants as part of a joint venture with Coca-

Cola. But the two firms an-

nounced in June that the

business was being sold to

Coca-Cola Enterprises,

which is 44 per cent-owned

by the American drinks group. Coca-Cola earned an initial £520 million from its

controls

plans. Coca-Cola

Competition to control Kepit turns nasty

LONG-running contest for control of Kepit, the poorly performing tisation investment trust. turned into an ugly scuffle between City institutions yes-

terday. TR European Growth fund, a £170 million investment trust run by Henderson Tou-che Remnant, launched a scathing attack on the restructuring proposals recom-mended by the Kepit board the 77,000 shareholders a choice of two unit trusts or

TREG dismissed the recommended proposal, a joint offer from unit trust manager M&G and the incumbent manager, Kleinwort Benson as poor value for investors who want to cash in their shares in Kepit, which has yielded only 6 per cent growth

in the past two years. Under the Kepit board's recommendation, the trust would be broken up and its shares converted into cash, transferred to a unit-trust version of the fund run by Rleinwort Benson, or switched to the £280 million M&G European & Growth unit trust. TREG wants to wind up Kepit and return in-

period for its hostile takeover bid until early October, TREG claimed Kepit shareholders many of whom are institu tional investors - would receive more cash for their challenged the trust's board to publish its own cash fig-

Sir Geoffrey Littler, chairman of TREG, said: "We fail to understand why Kepit's investors have been given no es-timate of the value of cash exit under their proposals." He added that TREG had already lined up buyers for the Kepit portfolio of shares at discounted terms.

But Shane Ross, the independent chairman of Kepit's board, hit back, arguing that it was impossible for TREG to find a buyer for the portfolio because its holdings had never been made public, and he urged shareholders to ac-

cept its recommendation.

Ben Siddons, chairman of Kleinwort Benson Investment Funds, said the TREG bid would cost investors £10 million in restructuring fees. Kleinwort Benson has waived its £2 million termination fee. "Whatever TREG can do, we can do better." he



Heineken headache . . . 1976 ad campaign reflects current pain from swallowing acquisitions

Bidding for Tom Cobleigh and all

have been shorter for Tom Cobleigh, the pubs opera-tor. The company said yesterday it had received a takeover approach less than a year after it was writes Lisa

THE journey to Wide- as a potential buyer for combe Fair could hardly Tom Cobleigh, which owns Tom Cobleigh, which owns 58 pubs and saw its value rise 10 per cent to £94.2 million. The company's bid value is put at ut £120 million.

Buckingham. Analysts tipped Greenalls, one of the largest non-brewery-owned pub groups,

A bid has been expected since European Acquisition Capital effectively put Tom Cobleigh into play in June by revealing plans to sell its 50 per cent stake.

ment and extra capacity. Analysts had pencilled in profit increases of between 10 EINEKEN, the world's and 14 per cent despite Heine-I group, yesterday shocked investors by delivering to forecast results because of market uncertainties. The

Heineken pours

market a shock

what the market regarded as its first-ever profits warning. The Dutch company, which heuser Busch in sales, fulfilled Friday the 13th super stitions by predicting that profits growth would proba-bly not match the double-digit record of recent years.

The warning came as the Amsterdam-based group interim profits of 297 million florints (£113 million) — a rise of 6 per cent but well below Heineken's recent rate of profit growth. Shares fell by more than 13

per cent in response even though Heineken explained that much of the shortfall arose because it was attempt ing to digest several take overs in addition to the im pact of almost universally poor weather during early summer on the Continent. A spokesman said: "We ave given a lot of signals

about this year's results but for the last 15 or 16 years we ave produced double-digit increases so that's what people have come to expect." He said the group invested about £305 million in the first half of the year — up from sales rose by a fifth to £2.25 £36 million a year ago — on billion.

market for nearly three-quarters of its income On a like-for-like basis stripping out recent acquisi-tions in Italy and France, sales volumes dropped by 1.2 per cent although the value of

Dow and Footsie conquer peaks

Rate rise fears are cast aside. Tony May and

Chinese office was open 1982, in Hong Kong. The firm now has more than 1,000 staff in that and two other offices,

Joint ventures and liaisons

are crucial to success in China. Yesterday Price Waterhouse announced it had reached agreement with the state-owned commercial Bank of China to act as its financial adviser for a wide range of

Mark Tran report

STOCK markets soared to record levels on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday after US retail sales figures for August appeared to remove the threat of an increase in interest rates there. In London, the FTSE 100 in dex soared 35.3 points to close at 3967.9, just below an alltime high, set in mid-after noon, of \$970.5.

This easily beat the previ ous best of 3933.6 set on Tues day and prompted analysis to predict a surge through the 4000 level next week. In New York, the Dow in-dex leapt 80 points to 5851, breaking through the 5800

barrier for the first time. This eclipsed the previous peak of 5778, reached in May. Analysts said the day's gains were underpinned by a surge to record levels on Frankfurt and supported by a sharp rise in US and European government bonds.

Two benign US inflation reports fuelled the powerful

This triggered sheer relief that the Federal Reserve. America's central bank, would be unlikely to increase rates at its September 24

"A fortnight ago, everyone was worried that interest rates would go up in excess of quarter-point, now there's a chance that there will be no rise this time around and the FTSE is looking to go to 4,000

equity strategist at Salomon Brothers, said: "Goldilocks is back, the economy is not too hot or too cold. Looking at the T-bill curve (the trend of US government treasury bonds). the market consensus is there will be no tightening.

up today. This is the kind of environment where we'll agreed that in London the

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election. But while investors were in full cry, many analysts be-lieved that the Fed would still raise rates at its next meet-ing in keeping with its policy

so much concerned at the size of any rate rise in the US. more that a rise would spell the end of a downward cycle in domestic interest rates.

early next week, although there were warnings that levels significantly above that range would be hard to main-Philip Isherwood, UK strat-egist at Kleinwort Benson, said US monetary policy was

little obstacle to further gains in the PTSE, especially if the Fed packaged a rate rise as pre-emptive. "UK corporate results have been OK on the whole, sterling is behaving and if people really believe that a 25 basis point rate rise has been discounted, then there is nothing coming next week which could really upset the market," he said. He cautioned that the lacklustre performance of UK gov-ernment bonds, hit by wor-ries that Chancellor Kenneth Clarke might induige in a pre-

Richard Jeffrey, strategist at Charterhouse Tilney,

EC calls 'in-depth' inquiry into sale of Cadbury drinks plants

Jonathan Confiss

sion last night launched an "in-depth" inquiry into Cadbury Schweppes' recent £700 million sale of its British soft drinks plants to an associate of the Coca-Cola

investigation was being carried out under EU merger rules designed to avoid large-scale monopo-lies which distort markets. The inquiry would focus on the impact of the plan on soft drinks competition in Britain, although Brussels investigate did not prejudice the final outcome of

the case. It is obliged to complete its inquiries

49 per cent stake. The joint venture owned five plants which bottle, can and distribute Cadbury TOURIST RATES -- BANK SELLS



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Price Waterhouse to invest \$100m

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PRICE Waterhouse, the in-ternational accountancy firm, yesterday stepped up the western invasion of China with plans to invest \$100 million over the next five years. The money will be poured into new offices, and the recruitment and training of locals to supplement the Price Waterhouse staff flown in from its global network. Dominic Tarantino, the

firm's chairman, said he aims to have 2,000 staff in the country by the year 2000, compared with 600 people now. classic Price Waterhouse. We have always had to go where our international clients want to go."
The Chinese government

has been keen to recruit international advisory firms since opening the economy in the early 1980s. But it is keen to avoid foreigners holding too much power, so the emphasis is on joint ventures with Chinese firms and training of in digenous accountants.

The PW spokeswoman said: "We bring in good people adviser for from around the world but activities."

over five years in Chinese venture then we put a huge amount of effort into training Chinese

> representative office in Beijing in 1979 and now also has offices in the two main development centres of Guangzhou and Shenzhen, as well as a joint venture in the commer cial capital, Shanghai. PW claims to be the leading international services firm in China, but the world's other

The firm opened its first

leading accountancy firms have all been carefully building up positions since the early 1980s, ready for the economic explosion. Arthur Andersen's first

and is on the point of opening in a fourth location. Ernst & Young opened in Beijing in 1981 and now has

market rally. The August con-sumer price index edged up just 0.1 per cent while retail sales rose by 0.2 per cent. Both came below analyst predictions, pushing up the price of the long bond and causing the yield to dip below 7 per cent for the first time in

David Shulman, chief

"Stocks are going straight

of pre-emptive strikes. The London market is not

Strategists and dealers

4,000-point barrier would fall

election rate cut, could put a brake on the market.

agreed that the stock market should see 4,000 points next week. "The tone of company statements, particularly from the manufacturing sector, has been good, and that's what we'll be listening for next

Company. The Commission said the

within four months. While the commission has only blocked five merg-

and Coca-Cola products. together with other drinks throughout the UK.

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When bonuses are haven-sent

Everyone is avoiding tax, not just at Morgan Grenfell, Paul Murphy writes. Below, ian Traynor in Bonn reports on Germany's national sport

PHOTOMONTAGE:

scene: your first day at the office of your new City employers. You are introduced to your new colleagues — instantly forgetting half their names - and to the coffee machine, and shown your desk.

Then there is the security owned City Institutions. pass to sort out, followed by a If it is - and there is plenty trip to the personnel department. There you get a pep talk on the firms' approach to the problem of sexual harassment, there are pension forms to fill in — and, oh, here are the details for your new offshore bank account.

We prefer Jersey. It's efficient and discreet. But don't misuse the thing, old boy." Fantastic? Well, suspend one of the numerous schemes your disbelief, for this is the sort of thing that happens if you take up a senior position at that venerable City institu-

Any bonuses paid in the form of shares escape NI contributions, although income tax and any capital gains tax tion, Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. Investigators probing possible irregularities in dealings are still due, of course. by the investment bank's sus-pended fund manager, Peter Young, were combing through a personal Jersey-based bank account held by

Mr Young, when it turned out that it had been opened on the fund manager's behalf by Morgan Grenfell itself. Mr Young's employer paid part of his annual bonus guesses at which start at 2300,000 — into this account

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phrase which produced blank looks in the Square Mile. And Jersey accounts seem to be all the rage at Morgan. A spokes-man "couldn't say" how many of the bank's 3,000 employees in London have such arrangements. But he pointed out that the practice is "commonplace" among foreign-

of circumstantial evidence to back up the claim - then the number of offshore accounts held by corporate financiers, fund managers and traders must run to tens of

Morgan declines to go into detail, but tax experts reckon the bank is simply running for minimising employers' National Insurance contributions, levied at 10.2 per cent.

Bear in mind that City finance houses have paid out bonuses in excess of £1 billion over the past year, and the possible size of the hole in the Government's income starts

to become apparent. The City has always been at the cutting edge of tax avoidance, often providing a truly creative touch.

One senior corporate finan-2300,000 — into this account in the form of shares in Morgan's parent, Germany's Deutsche Bank.

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Bank. "I was allocated shares in a separate company. Just take the stock, and shut up, I

"It turned out the boys were running a vehicle which would participate in all the handy new issues and cash raisings going through the office. If a new flotation looked good, they'd bung a

Sadly, it turned out that a similar scheme was being run at another bank. This attracted press comment and the decision was quickly made to close our scheme down. The company was liq-uidated and everyone got

paid. There were some very big cheques, depending on how long you had been in. Such outrages are few and far between, nowadays — and

they certainly do not exist at what is now called SBC Warburg. But along the way. there have been many head line-grabbing wholly-legal wheezes — mostly concen trated on avoiding National Insurance. Gold bar and unit trust schemes were famous before the Treasury stepped in four years ago and said any "tradeable asset" constituted

payment in kind. Loopholes were quickly identified. Payments in dia-

monds, fine wines and oriental carpets were the most mread to "exotic" commod ities such as arsenic and plat inum sponge, a powder used in motor exhausts.

Tax haven to the Ci

The Inland Revenue and the Department of Social Security have been waging a war of attrition against such hemes — apparently, in vain. According to Michael Davey, chairman of tax consultants Croxtons, which originated many of the most famous schemes, the most modern approach to the subprecious metals can be used

The ruse makes use estrictive covenants in an mployee's contract. If, say, he or she agrees to the common condition that on leaving a firm's employment they can not immediately set up in competition, the employee can be paid for this restriction. So long as the payment is not in cash, no National Insurance is due. Mr Davey is setting up such a scheme which uses payments in short-term gilts — as near to cash as you can get.

Mr Davey's clients tend to be small business people wanting to withdraw some cash from their firms. "If I took my schemes to the big boys in the City, I would get blown out of the water. They

things," he says.

Not surprisingly, the big
City firms do not discuss
their particular approaches.
But at least one big American firm is known to have set up a subsidiary company, into which bonus payments are pooled. Staff simply receive dividends from this subsidiary, avoiding NL Across the City as a whole.

a larger and larger portion of any given bonus is being paid in the form of a parent company's shares. The benefit is two-fold: the employer saves on NI contributions, and uses rules over the timing of share sales to lock in employees

Merrill Lynch, the American institution which bought tial increase in tax rates

London's biggest market making firm Smith New Court last year, has made a particular virtue of the approach - with the percentage of a bonus paid in stock, rising sharply as the size of an

employee's bonus rises. Many City firms hire their staff from all around the world, and there may be very good reasons why an executive who is "non-domiciled" in the UK uses a tax haven for his or her affairs.

It has also been suggested that banks might simply be pooling bonus payments off-shore before distribution to staff in London in order to ease the administrative strain at the parent bank in Frankfurt

German rival, Dresdner, which owns London investment bank Kleinwort Benson, is known to take this off-shore "pooling" approach. But bonuses are not transferred to offshore accounts held by individual executives -- as appears to be the case at

The mere mention of the words "offshore" and "tax avoidance" has steam coming out of the Labour Party's ears, of course. Gordon Brown, the shadow chancel-lor, fell out with the top ac-countancy firms earlier this year, accusing them of "ped-dling lies" when advising clients on how to avoid a potenahead of a new government. He even got one firm, KPMG, to cancel a series of seminars on the subject.

Yesterday, Alastair Dar-ling, ahadow chief treasury secretary, was promising all sorts of action. "Most ordinary people paying more tax than ever before would love to be able to open a bank account in an offshore tax haven. We are considering giving the Inland Revenue statutory powers to look behind the structures which have been created, to look at the legal form of these entities to see whether they have been simply designed to avoid tax rather than for legitimate business reasons," he said.

He acknowledged that there are many occasions when the use of offshore accounts is acceptable and legitimate, but added: "Institutional tax avoidance is a major problem. and not just for this country. If institutions continue to act in this way, international pressure will have to be

brought to bear on offshore centres to stop the abuse." According to Mr Davey at Croxtons, this threat is being taken seriously. He reports some clients deconstructing offshore trusts, bringing money back into Britain and taking the tax hit now - because they are worried that if they are forced to do so in future, the final bill will be much higher. Perhaps the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarks, can look forward to a pre-elec-

tion boost to the Govern-

The taxman cometh for quaking bankers

N A Koblenz court in February, Peter Gelhardt, a 55-year-old businessman, was sentenced to three years nine months and fined DM1.3 million (£565,000) for tax fraud to the tune of DM6.3 million

over three years.
He got off lightly, the judge said, because he blew the whistle on how the big German banks systemati-cally aid clients' tax evasion, mainly by organising transfers to Luxembourg. In Gelhardt's case, it was Dresdner, the country's second-biggest commercial bank. He had deposited DM18 million with Dresduer in a numbered account in Luxembourg to avoid the Germany's 30 per cent tax on savings account

interest.

Tax avoidance is a wellestablished national sport bere and, say tax officials and investigators, this is because of the big banks' connivance. In the same month, dozens of tax investigators raided the Dresdner's headquarters in Frankfurt. A few days later 200 investigators turned up at branches of Commerzbank in Frankfurt and three other towns. A few mouths earlier, 100 raided Dresdner branches in Ber-liu. Last week, 600 sleuths West-LB in Düsseldorf.

When finance minister Theo Waigel introduced the 30 per cent tax in early 1992, it is estimated that DM800 billion in savings and investments left the country must be all the formular transfer. country, most heading for Luxembourg, home to 70 German banks.

The bankers are raging. Hilmar Kopper, the powerful head of Deutsche Bank. likened the crackdown to police tactics against the left-wing terrorist Red Army Faction. Karl-Heinz Wessel, chairman of the bankers' federation, charged that the investiga-tors were operating outside But in North Rhine-West-



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other 50 investigators to help their inquiries into four banks alleged to be involved in up to 11,000 taxdodging cases.
The German taxation

DM2 billion have bypassed the taxman with the banks connivance in the past three years in North Rhine-Westphalia alone. Nation-ally the figure is put at DM12 billion. According to Der Spiegel

magazine, a taxable DM1 billion is in Dresdner accounts in Luxembourg. Hans-Juergen Kallmeyer, head of the tax union in North Rhine-Westphalia. says anyone wanting to de-posit DM200.000 with a German bank is advised to transfer the money to a phalia, the biggest of Ger-many's 16 states, the au-parent bank's Luxembourg

are being helped by dis-grantled employees spilling the beans on the in-house practices and by confes-sions from frightened ordinary account-holders who tell investigators about the services offered by the

But the tax-dodging now seems endemic, symbolised by a couple of high-profile scandals.

Last week, Peter Graf, father of the tennis cham-pion, Steffi, went on trial on 11 counts of defrauding the German taxman of £8.5 million.

Just before that, Margar-ethe Schreinemakers, the Esther Rantzen of German television, broadcast live to defend her fiscal propriety against allegations of swin-dling millions and to attack Mr Waigel.

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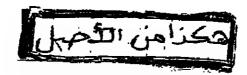
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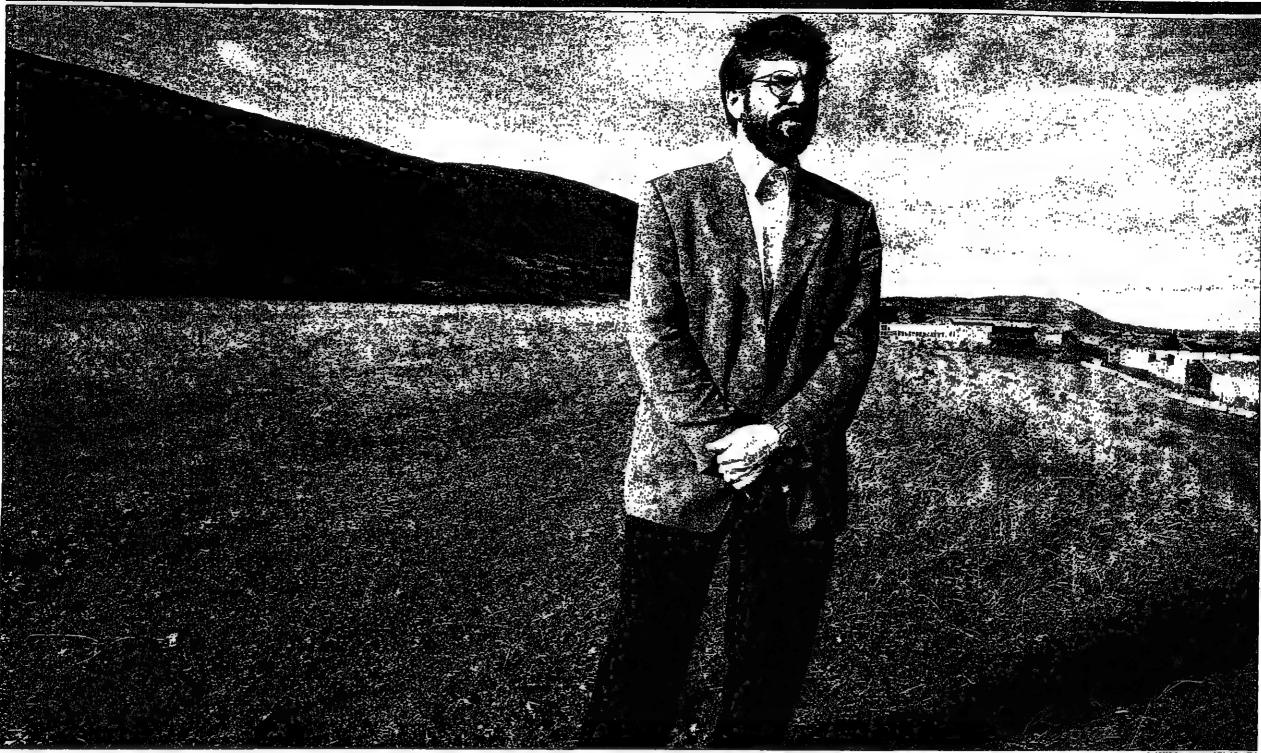
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An IRA gunman takes aim at a British soldier. Gerry Adams imagines what it is like to be ...

Shooting the enemy

ned from British televi and radio, But now Gerry has been foted in the United States and has achieved a kind of political respectability. He is shortly to publish his autobiography, Before the Dawn, as if he was a perfectly ordinary politician. But how will the President of Sinn Féin defend the IRA ings in which he claims not to have played a part? Here we print the strange passage from Before the Dawn where Adams, however briefly, confronts the morality of shooting British soldiers. He does it through a short story that imagines an IRA gumma killing a British officer: "It tight or might not be right to kili, but sometimes it is ery." In the second extract (far right), Adams is no longer imagining; he describes negotiating with Willie Whitelaw, then Secretary of state for Northern Ireland, in secret

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uncomfortable squatting for so ng in one position, used himself carefully up on one knee and slowly rubbed his cramped limbs. Below him, back gardens were criss-crossed by fluttering, flapping, shirt and nappy-laden clothes-lines stretched between back-to-back houses. Sean, above the clothes-lines, hedges, coal-

holes and back doors, had a clear, wide-angled view of the street. He could see 10, no, 12 houses on one side and 14 on the other side of the street. He could easily see the windows of number 36, where the blind was drawn on the front bedroom window He reminded him-self to check that blind every few seconds. No use getting lackadaisi-

The kids in number 40 were late going to school; they must have slept in. He watched three youngsters dashing out of sight along the street. When, he mused, they got to the lamp post they would be 140 yards from where he was perched. His eyes searched and found the white rag tied, waist high, to the lamp post, then swung back to check the blind on number 36. It was still drawn. Other windows stared back blankly at him.

Number 36 seemed different. The drawn blind, like a dropped eyelid in the face of the house, was almost winking at him — one of those conspiratorial winks that seem to go on for a long time.

All these homes could do with a new coat of paint, he decided. Especially that one, the red one with the cracked window. The sound of a motor-car brought him back to the street and to number 36. The blind was up. The window with its bright curtains glared glassily back at him.

Forgetting the cramp in his legs. he checked the piece of wood which held open the slate, forming the slot through which he peered. Hurrying now, he eased a round into the breech of the heavy rifle which straddled his legs. He raised it up so that the muzzle nosed through his slated peep-hole.

He squinted along the sight, zeroing in on the white rag which bandaged the lamp post and thumbed off the safety catch. One hundred and forty yards, give or take a few feet. He had checked it himself, scrambling over hedges and wire fences to pace out the dis-tance. Beneath him, in the innards of the house, a door bell rang. Seconds later, a head appeared at the open trap-door.

"It's dark in here," a voice complained. "Where are you, Sean?" Sean didn't turn round. The transition from daylight to the gloom of the attic would have upset his vision. "I'm here," he muttered.

"The car's below," said the voice, relieved at seeing Sean's dim shape wedged below the roof tiles against a heavy joist.

"OK," Sean replied, "I won't be long." "I'll wait below," said the voice, but Sean's attention, now that the care had arrived and his

that the car had arrived and his run-back was clear, was riveted to the street before him. His heart pounded heavily against his ribs. The cramp in his legs had returned, and as he strove to exorcise these distractions a quiet stillness seemed to settle on the deserted street.

It was a feeling he would never get used to. The gardens, even the streets themselves, seemed to be holding their breath. Every time he got the same feeling. How many times was this?

He smiled grimly to himself.
Concentrate. Don't let your attention wander. That's the way to get yourself killed. Maybe that would be better than killing. He was sur-prised at the suddenness of the

He squinted again along the length of the rifle as he considered this question and his response to it. It was a question which had come into his head off and on during the last few months. Not about getting killed. He wasn't into get-ting killed. No way If it happened it wouldn't be by choice. He surveyed the scene before and below him. Nothing had changed. Was it right to kill? No, he told himself, it wasn't right to kill. But there was

no choice.

Of course there was a choice. No one forced him to do what he was doing. He could leave now. Leave? What good will it do, stay-ing there? No one would know and no one could complain. He'd have

done his best. He swung his attention back to the task before him. It might or might not be right to kill, but sometimes it was necessary. He considered that proposition. The people he was trying to kill were better armed, better equipped, better trained than he was. There were also more of them.

And they would have no compunction about killing him. He settled himself back, pushing the ing unseeing at the clea doubts and imponderables out of was curious, surprised.

his consciousness. They should not be here, he reminded himself. It was his country, not theirs. They didn't belong. They were the enemy They gave him no choice except to fight. And in fighting it

was necessary to kill.

He crouched now, blocking out thoughts of everything but what he was to do. Though he knew these other thoughts would return. Maybe it was good that they did. He could smell, or thought he could almost smell, the tension. They would certainly be able to sense his own fear.

There would be scores of British soldiers. He tried not to think of that He was well covered.

Better not to worry. It was too late now anyway. It would not be long. Then into view came the first of a patrol of green-uniformed sol-diers. They moved cautiously forward on both sides of the street, covering one another, snuggling into their flak jackets and arching their rifles to point at the grey jerry built houses which mutely

and sullenly surrounded them. The leading soldier was walking by number 36. Sean studied him with a vague disinterest and waited. A second soldier appeared, an officer. Sean gently nuzzled the rifle-butt against his cheek. The officer edged his way forward and then stopped, outside

"Move on." hissed Sean, "move on." A half-panic started to flutter in his stomach. He breathed in as the officer reached the lamp post, and held his breath as his finger tightened on the trigger. First He let his breath out almost in a

sigh and whispered "Second pres-sure". The heavy flat thud of the rifle exploded his words, sending a black and white cat scampering from the garden and starlings

from the dustbin.

Sean prised the piece of wood from between the slates, and closed his eyes as the lowered slate. shut out the daylight and returned the attic to its usual gloominess. He scrambled from his perch. The car whisked him away. The houses remained silent and undisturbed. Against the solitary

lamp post the white rag cushioned the pale staring face of the officer. His patrol, scattered into gardens, lay hugging the ground. The British officer's expression, staring unseeing at the clear Irish sky. In 1972 the British held secret negotiations with the Republicans

Meeting the enemy

THEN they shouted for me to go. I presence in Belfast. Now that we were no longer compelled to be covert, we wanted to move quickly to set up an office and engage in once will be covert. to go, and I didn't want to leave my comrades. Reluctantly and gin-gerly I stepped out of Long Kesh.

Dolours and Marion Price, two young republicans, were waiting for me. They drove me down to Andersonstown where I met with Francie McGuigan and learned the reason for my release: talks were scheduled to take place with the British and I was to take part

On June 20 in a large country house outside the city, Dáithí Ó Conaill and I had a meeting with two senior British officials, Philip Woodfield and Frank Steele

A number of things had happened just before, which were confirmed at that meeting. The prisoners in Belfast prison, a major concern for republicans outside, were to be given political status or, as the British termed it, "special category status", as part of the effort to create a climate for talks between republicans and the

British government. Daithi and I arranged what transpired to be acceptable condi-tions for both the British and the IRA leaderships. Our position was that a meeting between a republican delegation and the British would take place a certain number of days after the IRA had ceased

On June 22 the IRA announced its ceasefire, effective from mid-night June 26. Talks would go

and other Sinn Fein activists

ahead in London on July 7.

open political work. Just as the truce came into effect, the loyal-ists stepped up their assassination campaign, giving deadly expres-sion to the verbal incitements of Craig and Paisley, who had both warned that unionists would have hands "to execute vengeance" and "take action against the republi-

can community." It had been agreed that during the truce the IRA would carry weapons, but they wouldn't go outside their own areas, and the British army wouldn't go into those same areas. Some of the local units got a Land Rover, painted IRA on the side and began to patrol West Belfast.

WHEN it came to the talks in London, I consciously dressed down for the occasion. I couldn't have dressed up anyway, but there was a hole in my pullover, and I was aware of it. In my juvenile arrogance and ignorance, I thought that was appropriate.

We were taken by bus, accompa-nied by British officials and plainclothes men, one at least of whom was armed, as was Seán Mac Stiofáin and another of our group. On the way [to the airport] we were held up by a herd of cattle, and it occurred to me rather wryly that the best laid plans of government spooks could founder in the face of a herd of cattle and a farmer who wasn't going to be

During the intervening days I hurried by anybody.

Us on us

The British view

What's the story about the bust-up between Liam and Noel Gallagher? Will they break up? Definitely, maybe! The titles of their two albums turn out to be appropriate in the present crisis. Manchester Evening News

What is it that brings out the cringe-factor among we heterosexuals when learning of the adoption, or surrogacy, of a child by homosexual parents? The most recent case concerns two Edinburghbased men. Baby X might have a wonderful life ahead, wanting for nothing, not even loving parents. Yet the cringe-factor remains! Whatever happened to the love, passion and romance of concep-tion? Is it replaced by test tubes, syringes and fat wallets The Evening News, Glasgow

"Nitty Nora" has been replaced in Preston schools as part of radical changes designed to improve health care. Ann Atkin, a school nurse manager, said today's school nurses are more likely to be talking to children about sexual health than performing traditional head lice inspections.
The Preston Citizen

Them on them

The global view

Listen to the radio, talk to people on streets, and you'll find the random murder of the tourist last Saturday morning has touched a deep chord of dismay. Bondi was always a place of sun and sea. touched by seediness, for generations a summer life-line for Sydneysiders. Now it appears sullied. Sydney Morning Herald, on the murder of Brian Hagland

It's disgraceful and bonoxious to reduce women, or even men for that matter, to mere physical entities measuring and sizing them at the fag end of the twentieth century.

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between Tony Blair's New Labour party and the unions

at the TUC conference were

nothing new. Exactly a year ago, Blair's performance before the brothers and sis-

fore the brothers and sis-

ters in Brighton was thrown

to the Guardian of an inter-

nal strategy document set-ting out New Labour's secret

Written earlier in the year by Phillip Gould, Blair's

Peter Mandelson's collabora-tion, "The Unfinished Revo-

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public protests all over the state which will be strong enough to stop the Petition filed in protest at the Miss World competition scheduled to be held in New Dolhi

This time the municipality has gone too far. It has taken photographs of people in positions that do not permit picture-taking. It is an affront to indi-vidual dignity, and an exposure of matters that should never be publicly disclosed. Besides. it approaches the vileness and cheapness of spying, an activity sanctioned by no divine principle. Israel's Jerusalem Times on the installation of surveillance

the eventual breaking of the union link by turning

Labour into a "genuine one-

The senior spin physicians

appeared. Alastair Campbell,

member-one vote party"

were off into the stratos-

phere even before this paper's first edition had

the leader's chief press

spokesman, claimed the

memo had been tampered

he had had no hand in the

with. Mandelson raged that

This week last year



XENOPHOBIA is never

quite absolute. The anti-French sentiment lurking Inside many British people is usually held in check by our simultaneous Francophilia. We may boycott French apples because of nuclear tests, but few of us will say no on principle to a fine French meal, or refuse the free offer of a house in Provence for a for might. With the Swiss, it is different. Helveti-phobia, a fear of

Twelve months on most of

the changes foreshadowed in

the Gould memorandum

have indeed come to pass.

an "integrated political

party" or have a "political

Thatcher agenda of 1979".

project that matches the

But it certainly does now

have a "unitary command

Every statement by a shadow cabinet member is

structure leading to the party

Labour may not yet ou te be

such conditions in that it is perfectly rational. None of this week's reports of the Nazi gold business was restrained by any worry about offending the Swiss. There are probably as many holes as there are in

Emmenthal in the argument

that the Swiss are greedy. rude, parsimon tous anal retentives who would have been Nazis during the second world war if it hadn't been for their neutral status. Yet we prefer to wish a plague on all their chalets. It's not just the gnomes of Zurich clinging on to £3.9 billion of looted Nazi gold until Mr A Hitler keys in his pin number. It's their fondues, their foul-tempered drivers, their harbouring of all the world's corrupt

organisations in Geneva.

their indecisiveness over

now written by, or cleared

with, the leader's office. Power has meanwhile been

rapidly drained from the

national executive. Moves towards reducing and finally

breaking the trade union

link, recommended in the

memo, are accelerating, as

Gould also called for a new

structure, a new culture and

a new building. Within weeks

transfer of its beadquarters

from Walworth Road to the

The Tories are now anx-

back of the Scottish referen-

dum and strike curb flascoe

few among either Blair's ene-mies or friends, would doubt

of the last few weeks. But

determination to impose

ious to raise a spectre of

Labour's unfitness on the

days have dramatically

of the publication of his memo. Labour began the

Millbank Tower.

his single-minded

his own agenda.

shown.

party conference and

official name (Confoederatio Helvetica!) and their. watches - what a load of old Ah, yes, but what of the

Swiss sense of humour? Astonishingly, there really is such a thing. An in-depth inquiry this week revealed that there are four Swiss jokes. The least baffling of these is as follows: An American, a German, a French and a Swass discuss where bables come from. The American says: "They are produced by computers. The German: The stork brings the babies." The French: "A man and a. woman make love with each other." The Swiss says: "It is different in every canton." The other three jokes all concern Air Adolf Ogi, a

Has the everyday

lost its way?

story of country folk

Vanessa Whitburn has

grabbed the

show by its tall and thrown it

into the 20th century: Our

listening figures are

climbing, so we must be

doing the right thing." Hedli Niklaus, who has

played Kathy Perks for 12

"I don't ballisten to the

Archers anymore, Bill

Smethurst was one of the

best things that happened

Lawmen:

Whitelay

visits British

troops stationed in

Adams long before he

Northern Ireland: Gerry

an outlaw

to the programme and he

Mutter, Pablo Picasso and Adolf Ogi die and go to heaven. St Peter requests identification. Einstein says: "I have no.

ID, but I can explain the

the violin and paint. Ogi steps forward: "How can I played the violin, Picasso painted." "Who are Einstein, Mutter and says: "Mr Councillor, go

equivalence of matter and energy" He gives an eloquent explanation of his theory. "Only Einstein him-self could explain this so well," says St Peter. "Step right in, professor." Mutter and Picasso play

prove who I am?" "Well." says St Peter. "Einstein discussed his theories. Mutter Picasso?' asks Ogi. St Peter right in." How we laughed.

realistic country life with the modern morals of the 1990s. Living in the country is not just about Women's Institute meetings and playing cricket. Patrick Pool, a listener for over 20 years and a member of Archers Addicts.

England where they have the current editor does not like it. And where Hindu lawyers are attacked by are not yet typical of life in the English countryside. It has been turned into a urban England."

William Smethurst, author

was certainly responsible Jock Gallagher, head of BBC Radio Pebble Mill 1970 -1990. He was responsible for hiring both

Smethurst and Whitburn.

The majority of story lines combine

Ambridge is the only village in banned fox-hunting because neo-Nazi thugs. Those things fantasy of politically correct

of The Archers: The True Story and producer of the programme, 1978 - 1986.



. Stuffed peppers and mushroom soutilé omelette. Whose re mendation for a whole some family meal? (a) Delia Smith (b) Gwyneth Paltrow (c) Cherie Bjair

2. Whose fear of heights caused an emergency landing at Lyon airport?

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Where is the new Republic of Padania? (a) East of Namia, b) South of Guate (c) West of Slovenia (d) North of Maccles

4. Which multi-million seller recorded by Way? (a) Llam Gallagher (b) Maderma (c) Catherine Cookson

5. Who called Clint East-wood a "double crosser" (a) Sondra Locke (b) Sharon Stone (c) Gwyneth Paltron

than a year, he got a job with a salary of £300,000. Who? . What has this

object got to do with 8. Who missed the premiere of Emma? (a) Jane Austen (b) Jamima Khan (c) Gwyneth Paltro

One lost her husis the other lost her hair. Who are they?

10. Who was angry at being excluded from the classical music charts (a) Berlin Philharmon (b) Jarvis Cocker (c) Marianne Faithfuli

11. Who claim Major had flirbed with bert (a) Emma Woodhouse (b) Emma Nicholson

12. Who won the Mercur music prize? (a) Pulp (b) Ash (c) Garbage

13. Which part of the rail network was floated on the Stock Exclusion? 14. Which former Amer

bishop was "outed"?

16. Who was tipped to be the new head of the AA? (a) Jeremy Irons (b) Demon HIN (c) Stephen Norris answers on back page

Meeting the enemy

• page 13RAF airport in Oxfordshire, and were then trans-ferred to two limousines. At Henley-on-Thames we stopped: Seamus Twomey wanted to go to the toilet and was away for what seemed to be a very long time, causing frantic consternation among our minders. Eventually Seamus strolled back, totally at ease, remarking on how pleasant the place was. We arrived at 96 Cheyne Walk,

Chelsea, the home of Paul Channon, and entered quite a large house. I went into the bathroom, which was very untidy with sheets in the bath, and I wondered whether the owner hadn't been given much notice. Whitelaw arrived late, and there seemed to be an effort to have the meeting proceed without him, but our side wouldn't have that. When he came in he struck me as florid and flustered; his hand was quite sweaty.

The two delegations were a considerable study in contrasts. William Whitelaw, "Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Northern Ireland" was a Scottish landowner, Paul Channes help was ministrated in the state of the lionaire Guinness beir, was minister of state at the Northern Ireland Office; they were accompa-nied by the civil servants Frank Steele and Philip Woodfield. On our side were Sean Mac Stiofain, the ex-RAF republican; Dáithí Ó Conaill, a teacher; Seamus Twomey, a bookies' runner; Martin McGuinness, a butcher's assis-tant; Ivor Bell, a plasterer's labourer, and myself. We also had as notetaker Myles Shevlin, a solicitor.

There was a formal exchange of documents and views. Whitelaw opened by announcing "I hope that the trust set between us is reinforced by this meeting. I record that the histories of our two countries give the Irish grounds for suspicion. I hope that in me you will see a British minister you can trust."

In the course of our meeting Sean Mac Stiofain led the presentation of the republican position. He read a prepared statement outlining our demands for Irish selfdetermination; a public declaration by the British government of the right of all the people of Ireland acting as a unit to decide the future of Ireland; a declaration of intent to withdraw British forces from Irish soil by January 1, 1975; pending this, the immediate withdrawal of British forces from sensitive areas: a general amnesty for all political prisoners in both countries, for internees and detainees, and for people on the wanted list.

It was inevitable that there would be a certain amount of tension in the course of our discus-sions, and there were two small eruptions. In one Seamus Twomey. making a point with characteris-tic forcefulness, shouted and

Campbell . . . claimed memo had been altered DON MCPHEE

thumped the table. The other came when Whitelaw remarked ridicu-lously that British troops would never open fire on unarmed civillans. Martin McGuinness laid into him strongly about the killings on Bloody Sunday

PLAYED very little part in the meeting myself, but when they were arranging for the second meeting, I asked that we adjourn. We went into another room to discuss matters

amongst ourselves.

"Jesus, we have it!" said Sean
Mac Stiofain. But that was the complete opposite to what I thought. I argued that we should insist on less time before the next meeting.
Following our adjournment an

agreement was arrived at regarding the timing. The Brits said that they'd consider and meet again in week. Meanwhile, it was agreed that the IRA and British army would both have the freedom of the streets and the IRA could bear arms — openly displaying them in Republican areas only.

Whitelaw was stressing the need to keep our discussions pri-vate, and he said that if news of our meeting got out, "All bets are off". Riled by his arrogance, I responded quickly: "That means all bets are off, then." The meeting had been, I felt.

part of the British government's exploratory approach. They had shown no sign of conceding republican demands, and I took a fairly absolutist position regarding these matters. I was conscious of the historical nature of the negotiations. We were in a direct line of descent from the Republicans of 1920 — the last time such discussions had occurred — but they had represented a revolutionary gov-ernment with massive support A lot had changed since then. Two days after the London dis-

cussions, the truce was breaking down. The UDA was mounting attacks on nationalist areas, and the RUC were assisting in intimi-dation, while the British army stood by chatting with the loyalist paramilitaries. Catholic families. Intimidated out of their homes in mixed and Protectant areas, were mixed and Protestant areas, were streaming into nationalist enclaves, some of them escaping across the border.

When the truce started to break down, the British seemed to be content. Rather than coming back to us on the political points of our discussion concerning self-deter-mination and British withdrawal. to which they would presumably be saying no. they preferred that the truce should break down than



on the high moral ground. I was at a wedding when I heard that the truce had come to an end. It more or less crept up and took me unawares, and then I was off out of the house and on the run again.

OR a short period my wife. Colette, and I were lucky enough to get the use of a flat outside West Belfast in the university area. It was difficult for me, living underground. Travelling would have been highly dangerous if the loyalists or British intelligence had got wind of my whereabouts. When I called to a house in the Falls Road, my sixth sense told me that there was something amiss.

Brendan Hughes arrived soon after the and mentioned that he had

noticed a suspicious car outside When Tom Cahill came in he, too was concerned. Later, we learned that the people in the car were British military intelligence, and they had the entire area staked out. The raid seemed very routine. A British patrol coming down the road stopped outside the house and one of the soldiers knocked at the door. Tom Cahill went to the front door while Brendan Hughes and I went to make our way out the back and along the entry But when Brendan climbed on to the wall, he discovered that the back of the house was saturated with British troops. As we turned around we were confronted by a British sol-dier, heavily armed. He arrested both of us as his compatriots swarmed around the house. We were taken to Castlereagh.

There we were beaten fiercely. Periodically when the cell door opened I could hear the shouts and screams from where the others were I'm sure similar sounds issued from my cell.

All of the people who beat me

All of the people who peat me were in plain clothes, and at one point there were three of them in the cell. After the first initial flurry and my first fright at the frenzy of and my arst right at the trenzy of the assault, the beatings settled into a dogged routine, in which I was forced into the search position, palms against the wall, body at an acute angle, legs widespread.

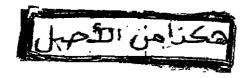
They tried to make me put only

my fingertips against the wall but I resisted that, and those doing the beating stood behind and concen-trated mostly on the kidney area and the sides of my stomach while also landing vicious kicks between my legs. They beat me, I fell to the floor. They flung buckets of water over me to revive me, pulled me back up against the wall, best me until I fell again. When I passed out, my clothes were pulled from ma

Hours later the beatings stopped suddenly, as quickly as they had begun. My main tormentor threw a last bucket of water over me and then pulled me into a squatting position in the corner of the cell. "Well. Gerry, what was it you told Mr Whitelaw? All bets are off?" He smiled at me, placed the plastic bucket over my head and left.

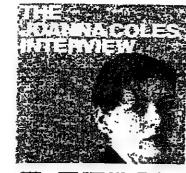
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A peer into the future

He's worth £500 million. He 'saved' London zoo. He's about to be the newest Labour peer. And Swarj Paul wants to see the Lords modernised



Paul will shrug on his ermine gown and swing into the House of Lords for the first time to take up his seat on the Labour benches. He is only the fourth Asian peer to do so in the Lords' 800-year history, but just who is this non-smoking, tee-total, vegetarian obsessed with modern technology? And why haven't we heard of him before?

You probably have done, though you may not have realised. He's the man who "saved" London Zoo. He also happens to own one of Britain's biggest private companies, Caparo, which produces steel. Started with a bank loan of £5,000, it is now worth 2500 million. Not bad for a Punjabi immigrant who never intended to come to Britain in the

He was supposed to be en route for New York, seeking medical treatment for Ambika, his youngest daughter, then aged three. But the day before he was due to leave Calcutta, his doctor drew him to one side. Ambika, the doctor confided, was so ill she would not last the journey. So Paul sought nearer treatment for her eukaemia, in Britain — and ended up staying 30 years. He still lives in the flat in which she died 20 months later. He couldn't bear

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Section 2

ter in a moment — it is impossible not to - but for now it is hectic conversations with the Crown Office to choose a place and gown. He was on a Baltic Cruise — only the second holiday of his entire 65-year-old life — when he got the news that Tony Blair, of whom he is a huge fan, had recommended him. It was fate, he remarks cheerfully, for he had just handed over Caparo's daily running to his twin elder sons and was looking for something else to do. "I am most relaxed when I am working you see. All my life my work has been 24 hours with me. I am not a

holiday man." But a self-confessed technology junkie and a shrewd busine man, doesn't he believe the Lords is in need of reform? "Oh it will have to modernise itself." he beams from across his tidy desk, at Caparo's HQ, in Baker Street. 'You have to update." Good grief, does he mean dumping the ermine for e-mail? "Oh technology has nothing to do with electronics." he scolds. 'T'm not talking about cellular phones here! Technology is mental. The real question is, and he leans forward conspiratorially, "how do you update

I must look bewildered, because

he raises a hand as if to explain. "I'll give you an example, every year at the end of December I make a personal balance sheet of myself. What I have done right? What wrong? What lessons have I learned? And I make a projection of what I want to do for the following year." Hurrah, I think is just what's needed to shake up those crusty old Peers of the Realm. But I stay silent and nod wisely. "I was so sad when I saw Conservative advertisment with the devil's eyes, because people like me who came from India, we have a love of British life because there's a sense of justice,

of fair play and decency in Brit-ain, let's not part from that." Even though he ended up here by accident, Swarj Paul has the ability to make one feel proud of being Brit-ish again. But has he, I wonder, isn again. But has he, I wonder, come up against much prejudice here? "Not really." he shrugs. "You know anybody ethnic, an Englishmen going to India or an Indian or American coming to England you have to give 110 per Indian or American coming to England, you have to give 110 per cent, you have to. But 95 per cent of the British are very fair and completely non-racialist. And that's a very high percentage to grumble about."

But what made him decide to stay here permanently? After all, he did have a business back in India, a family and impressive contacts. Not least Indira Gandhi, a good friend and then prime minister, who desperately tried to an ister, who desperately tried to en-tice him back with the promise of a ministry or the post of Ambassa-dor to Washington?

"I wanted to be where Ambika had died. She was cremated here. And I wanted to be in the flat, that's why I have never changed however, buy the entire block of flats in Portland Place, in the West End, near BBC Broadcasting House, and renamed it Ambika House.)

"I rented it because it was nearafter she died, I told my brothers I couldn't concentrate on work for a while and I went into medita-tion." What kind? "Really you are finding peace with yourself, you read philosophy, you read anything which might console you. But then I found I couldn't really find salvation in that, so then I thought let me start some work, scratch, maybe that will occupy me more." I put it in that it must have been a dreadful time. "When you are involved you don't even have the time to think. It's only you realise it, all of a sudden." He legs don't move ... Because you are fighting for something with the hope that it will not happen But then, on the other hand, with the knowledge that it is go-

ing to happen." There is a short silence, during which I begin to feel mildly un-comfortable. Am I poking around in his grief, demanding he dredge up memories he would rather leave behind? But I am also fascinated. It's so rare to hear someone, especially a businessman, talk about grief and it is moving.

Shifting my position, I suddenly catch sight of the five-year-old Ambika staring solemnly out of the sole photo on her father's desk. Did she know she was dying? "I don't know," he mur-murs sadly, "she was too young. But on the other hand..." I look down at my notepad, blinking, and momentarily unable to write. As I look up, I see that Paul him self is in tears and incapable of speaking. He produces a large white-folded hanky, and smiles bravely before padding it across his eyes. There is another brief silence. "Let's have some more coffee," he whispers hoarsely, and buzzes the intercom. "Can we have one more tea for my guest and a half a cup of tea for me with nothing in it. I'll come back to Ambika," he sighs. I mumble an embarrassed apology. "Oh it's not your fault," he offers quietly.

"So when do you actually go to the Lords then?" I ask, lobbing the first question that comes to mind. "The 12th November," he says

And what about your robes, I hurry on, who designs them? "I don't know Joanna," he says, and for once, the use of the name is not irritating. "But as a person who believes in these things, I will tell you about Destiny. Yesterday they gave me my date, 12th November. I couldn't have asked for a better date. You see the 12th

November is her birthday." Our 'Each year rafill arrives and we fall back to talking about Britain's ethnic communities. According to a recent HMSO report, Asians remain the most insular and are least likely to assimilate. Does this worry him? "You see these reports are trying to hasten the process," he smiles, shaking his head. "It is childish to hasten head. It is children to haster these things. Why do we want it faster? Twenty-five years is noth-ing in the history of a country, but it is a long time in the history of one person. Positive discrimination is as bad as negative discrimination."

But what about political repre-sentation, is he concerned that there are just three Asian MPs? "Oh I don't want to see an Asian MP to represent Asians, an MP should represent all his constitu-ents. I have no doubt that if I want some case of mine represented leaded find one." But you are a wealthy businessman, I protest.
"But Joanna, I wasn't a rich

l make a personal balance sheet. What I have done right? What wrong?

£5.000. I bought my first car, a second-hand Austin in 1976." Yes yes, but he also had a supportive family, and a degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Few immigrants arrive with either. "Look, I have gone through this process, and I always tell our Asian community we are living here and we are British. If there is any right of mine it is as a Briton, not as an Asian."

And does he find the Asian community agrees with him? "Ah, not necessarily," he chuckles, "but then it's my job to make them aware of another view.'

When Mrs Gandhi was alive, Paul was "treated as her younger brother" and would go back to India every two months. Now he goes back twice a year to visit family, accompanied by his wife of 40 years, Aruna. His four children, three boys (educated at Har-row) his surviving daughter, and six grandchildren, all live in Britain and see each other regularly.

kiss it, and work their way up. They tell us anyone can do it if they work hard. But the fact is that

most people who work extremely

hard for very little money never

man. I started by borrowing | His family and Ambika's death even appear on his professional CV and in a booklet celebrating

> So what on earth does he make of Britain's notorious divorce rate? "I feel very sad. When I look back I couldn't have achieved what I have — if I have achieved anything -- without a very strong support from my wife and children. You have always ups and downs and that is where, to be able to walk into the house and to have somebody believe you, even if you have committed a murder, is of great consolation and strength.

> "People make judgments much too fast. You need time for reflection, you have to look at the good as well as the bad parts. And I do believe in fate. This daughter of mine, I wanted to build something as a memorial for her. I had bought the flat and named the block after her, but I wanted something which would create a

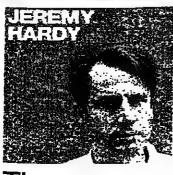
to clean it. The poor will always be

"Then one day I hear on the television that the zoo is likely to close. So I shot off a letter, saying Look if I can help, I will. You se when she was out of the hospital the zoo was the nearest place we used to take her, she was most

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happy at the zoo. "A year later London Zoo phoned. The immediate crisis was over but they wanted to build a new children's zoo and it would cost £1 million. I said 'Go ahead and build the zoo'. And Joanna, nothing has given me more pleasure in my life. I go there even now, there is a lovely fountain and her statue. If this is not fate what also could it he?" what else could it be?"

I cannot volunteer an alternative, so I ask if he sleeps well. "Like a baby. I go to bed at about 10pm and then I'm up at 5:30am and I go for a walk in Regents Park." Every day? "Every day." Well. you do look happy. I ob-serve. "There is no reason not to," he chuckles back. "You cannot cure unhappiness." cure unhappiness."



The poor shouldn't always be with us

ITH all the excitement about the unions deciding on a figure for the minimum wage, we have lost sight of something rather important: it is

terribly low. Nonetheless, right on cue, the enemy warned of massive unemployment. It is always rewarding to hear businessmen and Conser-vatives warn us that something will cause job-losses. For a mo-ment they are forced to sound as though they care. They have to set to one side the glee with which they themselves are wont to cause job losses. Whether they are de-fending low wages, bad working conditions, arms sales or nuclear power, the given reason is always concern for jobs.

Margaret Thatcher went so far as to affect fear about unemployment among black people whenever the subject of apartheid and sanctions was raised. Perhaps the Government's lack of interest in finding a peaceful solution in Northern Ireland relates to the

enormous number of jobs generated by the Troubles.
New Labour, still convinced of

the possibility of a social market economy, seeks to convince capitalists that a contented workforce is a productive one. But if employ-ers could maximise profit by paying everyone properly they would already be doing it. It is in the best interests of capital that it should be allowed to exploit, corrupt, deprave, pollute, poison, defraud and cheat as much as possible. Health and safety laws, environmental protection, consumer rights and minimum wages are all a threat to profit. Hence producers claim that all these things will lead to job

prices, a hostage crisis developed: "Back off or the workforce gets it" I suggest that the only time the business community has been genninely sorry to have to let staff go was after the abolition of slavery. And I've seen Gone With The Wind, so I know some slave owners were genuinely fond of their pos-

sessions. They just never felt the need to pay them anything, not even the Confederate equivalent o £4.26 per hour. Of course, the end of slavery caused massive unemployment among African Ameri-cans, and still does. I dare say that a serious, well-argued case for the re-introduction of slavery is being made by some of Bill Clinton's

advisers. Now, it might be said that there's a great difference between working for £4,26 per hour and working for nothing; but there isn't; there's exactly £4.26 worth of difference. No one who is arguing that the figure is too high would dream of accepting it themselves. They would not even be able to contemplate living on it. Gone are the days when Tory MPs used to claim that they could survive on supplementary benefit for a week, and then give up on the second day when they realised that the poor don't have private incomes as well.

Of course, there are self-made

men, those who start at the bottom,

get anywhere. They just about get by and they're too knackered and The fact is that most people who work

extremely hard for very little money never get anywhere. They just get by

broke to do much else. And if even 1 per cent of them ended up in the boardroom, there wouldn't be enough share options to 20 round. And there's not much point having the key to the executive washroom if there's no one left behind

with us — unless we pay them properly. To call the badly-paid 'poor" might be considered natronising, but poverty is relative. Someone earning £4.27 per hour might be entitled to argue that £4.26 is not too bad. For the CBI to argue that £4.26 is too much, is a bit rich — relatively, anyway. For Labour politicians to think it's too much is unforgivable. Yes,

there is a point of principle in arguing for a legal minimum, however low; and the figure will be arbitrary by definition. It could be ergued that the formula for calculating the figure is less important than the symbolism of having one at all. A minimum wage could be seen as a minimum requirement among societies aspiring to be called civilised. Even if employers find ways of getting round the law, it is important that the law is

And in almost all countries with a minimum wage, employers do find ways of not paying it. The

ily imagines that signing up to the European Social Charter is the answer to our problems, and ig-nores how employment legislation is Couted. Moreover, the loopholes in Euro-law are more exotic than any of the strictures about banana shape. In March, Labour and the unions were delighted by the EU directive on the 48-hour maximum working week which employers and government are fighting tooth and nail. Not until now has the Commission admitted that the loophole exempting doctors and lorry drivers needs to be looked at, as even they need to be rested and

centre-left in Britain rather sleep-

lucid at times But at least other countries have such legislation and our lack of it makes us barbaric by comparison So, the fact that Blair has not yet scrapped Labour's commitment to some sort of pitifully low minimum wage is cause for rejoicing. But wouldn't it be nice if the figure was something on which people might be able to live?



Swarj Paul . . . 'I was so sad when I saw that Conservative advertisement with the devil's eyes. People like me have a love of British fair play'

E ARE only nine weeks

away from the 100th anniversary of the birth of Oswald Mosley. Who, I wonder, apart from the little band of Fascist devotees which meets in his bonour every year will get

Fascist devotees which meets in his honour every year, will celebrate that? The only planned occasion I know of is a Channel serial which, according to a wave of stories earlier this year, will try to demonstrate.

year, will try to demonstrate he

was not a true anti-Semite. The fascist leader's son, the novelist

Nicholas Mosley, attempted earlier this year to draw a distinction between Mosley the anti-semitic politician, and Mosley the private the private and private the private the

Mosley the private man, who showed no sign of disliking Jews. People bludgeoned by his thugs might have found such

distinctions elusive.
Nicholas Mosley has pub-

lished two books on his father's life, the first of which I have just discovered. Called The

Rules Of The Game, it covers

the period from Mosley's birth to 1933, before his career as

Blackshirt leader began. That the core of his political creed was evil one knew already. But

what this book abundantly demonstrates is the wickedness of his personal life, and espe-cially his treatment of his first

wife Cimmie, which some be-lieved accounted for her death

at the age of 34. The worm in the bud was detectable quite early. "We have made the ac-

quaintance of the most brilliant man in the House of Com-

mons." Beatrice Webb wrote of

the 27-year-old Mosley. "So

much perfection argues rotten-ness somewhere."

HE PUBLICATION of a novel called Sap Rising, by A A Gill, has created an

unusual problem for literary editors. What do you do with a

book which by every account I

have so far seen is totally worthless? Gill writes televi-

sion and restaurant reviews for

the Sunday Times. In the for

mer he shows off at the expense

of the programmes, in the lat-

ter at the expense of the places he eats in. It's apparently felt

he's too big to ignore. But de-voting an entire full-length

review to a book like this, even

if you're slating it, is not the

right answer. It is very hard to

get a novel reviewed unless you

are famous, and space devoted to Gill is denied to writers who

deserve it. Nor is all this con-demnation likely to make even

the mildest dent in Gill's self-

satisfaction. Narcissus will al-

ways enjoy the reflection in the

pool, even when the pool is

swimming with sewage. I recommend that books and

magazines should institute a

regular feature, made up of

High on Smallweed's own list

title with horrible echoes of

Lyndon Johnson's My Hope For

America, of which Norman Mailer wrote: "It is not even Impossible that it is the worst

book ever written by any politi-

cal leader anywhere." Johnson

he added, "uses words in inter-

locking aggregates which fence

T SEEMS curious when so

much information that is

clearly in the netional inter-

est — where the Conservative

Party is getting its money, for

in thought like cattle."



The prince, the prelate and the pre-marital preamble

won't

tell you

The case of a boy aged 12

Peter Newell of the anti-

Richard Lynn

has reopened the smacking

smacking campaign, Epoch,

beats it out with psychologist

debate. In an exchange of letters,

UK law and UK courts failed the

boy, because, as the judge put it, "It was a perfectly good defence

that the alleged assault was

merely the correcting of a child by its parent, in this case the step-

father, provided the correction be

moderate in the manner, the in

strument and the quantity of it.'

The jury acquitted the stepfather

Had the stepfather punished an adult in this way, he would have

been guilty of actual or grievous

bodily harm. But children are un-protected because of the common

law right of "reasonable chastise

ment" rooted in 19th century cases about "correcting what is

children should have to wait until

last for a form of protection that

Hopefully, this decision by the European Commission will speed

PS. A few years ago I saw a

cutting suggesting that another

organisation was trying to get off

up long-overdue reform.

evil in the child".

Peter Newell

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Dear Richard,

natural father.

I WAS delighted to read that you had become patron of an organisa-tion called Familles for Discipline (how quaintly British it is to have

an organisation dedicated to the

defence of hitting children). I ex-pect you will have read the press

coverage of the application to the

European Commission of Human Rights by a 12-year-old boy and his

I gather you are a strong sup-

porter of violent and humiliating

punishment by parents, particu-

larly for what you have referred to

as "children born into the under-

class". So I am very interested to

hear your reaction to this

this young boy was repeatedly caned by his stepfather, causing

weals. The application is against

the UK government, not the step-

father, and claims that the punish-

ment breached the European Convention on Human Rights which

bars "inhuman or degrading treat-

ment or punishment"

The undisputed facts are that

ORD RUNCIE'S ruminations about the royal family and the Church are full of fascinating insights into our country

and the way we are run - not least the fact that an otherwise intelligent man, enunciating clearly into his biographer's tape ecorder, imagines he is speaking off the record. The saddest scene, I felt, was the

time when Prince Charles came for a confidential chat shortly before his marriage. Runcie, who knew about Camilla Parker Bowles, formed the view that he did not really love Lady Di. and that the marriage had been ar-ranged. This proves again what we already knew, which is that the Windsors are as obsessed by good publicity and manipulating the press as any cabinet minister or soft drink maker.

But I did feel sorry for Charles. The pre-nuptial chat with the cleric is a difficult time for any groom. When I went to see the charming vicar who married us, I anticipated some embarrassment. and had memorised various mollifying answers to "The Church is for life, not just for Christmas" line of argument

After a while, he leaned forward teries on the earnestly and coughed. "Now, the demand.

Simon, would you mind if I ask you a very personal question?" I braced my brain cells. "Are you by chance related to Simon Hoggart. the famous harpsichord player?" I suppose he meant Christopher

MEANWHILE Charles has condemned most holiday architecture as "uglification" and says we should instead stay in sympathetically converted mills, hospitals, monasteries etc. In a perfect world, this would be a splendid idea, though quite why we need lectures on where to stay from a man who already has holiday hide aways at Sandringham and Balmoral, I don't know.

Have you noticed how these crises only occur when the working class gets their hands on the good things of life? TV became a men-ace as soon as every home could afford one. Everyone loved motor cars — when only the middle classes owned them. Now that even some poorly-paid people can holiday abroad, travel is suddenly a monstrous threat to the wellbeing of our planet

And I doubt very much that there are enough disused monas-teries on the Costa Brava to meet WE seem to hate the Swiss even more than the Germans, as the present furore over Nazi gold shows. You'd imagine from the tone that they'd built an attachment into the Swiss Army knife for pulling gold out of concentration

You'd imagine they'd built a Swiss Army knife attachment for pulling gold out of camp victims' teeth

camp victims' teeth. Now it's true that Switzerland is an anally reten-tive country. There is an apartment block in Zurich where men are required to sit down to urinate after 10 pm (it's quieter) and, while visiting friends near Geneva, we were once asked to re-park our car because their neighbours thought it was at an unsightly angle to the

But I suspect the real reason we rage at the Swiss is because they em perfectly happy to be everything we are not quiet, unbellicose, neat, self-confident and successful. No. I wouldn't much want to live there, but your average Swiss could not stand living here.

MY AMSTRAD word processor almost died this week. Only a fellow Amstrad owner can tell you how bleak a moment that was I bought it on the recommendation of my then colleague Robert Harris, who had already written three books on his, and who went on to produce Fatherland and Enigma. It cost \$500 and he asked why anyone would want to pay three times as much for a machine which was no more useful to a writer.

I've turned out three books on mine, plus innumerable articles, letters and even laundry lists. It's so slow you can make a cup of tea while it's saving a file, and I like that very much. Two years ago I thought it was sick unto death, but a Chinese expert in our local computer store breathed it magically back to life.

Now I have a fancy new laptop, which has gone wrong as often in two months as the Amstrad did in seven years. We Amstrad-lovers are like Morris Minor owners: we know they are technologically redundant but we'll do almost any-

thing to keep them on the road. The other day, after an hour of cajoling and pleading, of prayer and offering chicken soup through the air vents, it finally coughed and spluttered into life. I was overjoyed. Still. I would give it away, if I could find a home where it would be loved and cherished. But I fear that even Albanian schoolchildren would scorn an Amstrad.

THE publishers of Loaded the magazine for football hooligans who can read have produced another, a sort of good eating and drinking magazine for yobs. It's

called, puzzlingly, Eat Soup. It even has a long directory at the back, rather like the Michelin

Guide, including curry houses, greasy spoons, pubs selling extrastrong lager, and so on.

I shall keep mine in the car, to make absolutely certain that I never need enter any hostelry where there is the faintest chance of running into Liam Gallagher and Patsy Kensit.

THANKS for your letters about new phrases, to which I shall return. Meanwhile, does anyone know when "sorted out" became "sorted", even among the bourgeoisie?

He likens socialisating children to training his puppy. Willy. He writes: "Willy is slowly coming to realise that I am bigger and stronger than he is and that he will have to do what I say in the end. I have had to smack him a few times to get the point across."

The principle that punishment suppresses unwanted behaviour

Dear Richard,

SO your robust views on punishment extend to the family pets. A word of warning — the law already provides animals (including wild animals) with more explicit protection from being beaten than children. You won't find many dog trainers sharing your views.

holds for humans and canines,

If you have done a serious academic search you will know that the vast weight of psychological opinion is against you. I believe that the few psychologists who still promote slapping and caning children should be expelled from reputable professional associations. Why not form your own British Society of Sociopaths (promoting your views fits my definition of sociopath)? Of course severe punishment can be effective in "stop-ping behaviour": I could probably stop you writing silly letters if — perish the thought — I hit you hard and long enough.

But this issue is far too serious to be flippant. The world and the future you promote with your views is a child-fearing world, discplining through fear, seeking to beat the underclass into submis-sion: a spiral of violent attitudes and actions which can be confidently predicted to breed more violence, more depression, more unconstructive punitive attitudes.

I remain optimistic. Extending to children the protection against assault we take for granted for ourselves will free parents to promote positive discipline, enhance children's status as people, and in time help to create a safer and less

one-liners, called Books to Avoid. want for my three young children. of Books to Avoid is Bill Clinton's Between Hope And History, (Random House, £15.99), a

Dear Peter,

YOUR vision of a future world of social order and civility inaugu-rated as a consequence of children no longer being punished defles credibility.

During the last half a century there has been a considerable

reduction in the physical punish ment of anti-social children. The birching of delinquents was abolished shortly after the end of the second world war and the caning of out-of-control children was abolished in maintained schools in 1986. Physical punishment in the home has also diminished. On your theory we should expect that crime and anti-social behaviour would have declined. On the contrary, they have increased. Recorded crime in Britain has risen tenfold since the late 1940s. One of your misconceptions is that children should be accorded

rights to buy clgarettes and alcohol, to drive cars, and to have sex Children are also compelled to go to school. Likewise children need to receive a moral education from their parents and to accomplish this, parents have to explain and lay down moral rules and enforce them. Unhappily, this sometimes requires punishment and in the last resort, this has to

the same rights as adults. This is

nonsense. Children are denied the

be physical. If your campaign to make the physical punishment of children illegal is successful, the conse quence will be a less civil and lawful society, for which you and your like will bear a heavy responsibility.

Yours.

afterwards.

was wonderfully set to music

by Benjamin Britten.

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE CAPLIN

the ground in Scotland — Parents' Rights Of Discipline giving it the appropriate acronym PROD. Maybe they would like you as

Dear Peter.

THE essence of the difference between us appears to be that you believe that parents should not be permitted to use physical punishment to discipline their children whereas I consider that this right should be retained.

One of the major problems for parents in rearing their children is to teach them how to behave in socially acceptable ways and to refrain from anti-social acts. Parents tackle this task in a variety of ways, such as explanation, approval, disapproval and the punishment of unacceptable be-haviour. Surveys have shown that about 90 per cent of English parents administer slaps to their children from time to time. Very likely much of this slapping is unnecessary. Nevertheless, I con-tend that there is a significant proportion of children who cannot be socialised by verbal disapproval and non-physical punish

ment alone Physical punishment is the only thing they understand. For mos of these children, an occasional mild slap is sufficient to eliminate the unacceptable behaviour. However, this is meffective for a small number of children. These are known as sociopaths, or as having anti-social personality disorders The only way to control them is by a hard slap, or the use of a cane. rently bringing the action in the European Court is a case of this There is no doubt that for most

children physical punishment is effective in eliminating unacceptable behaviour. It works because it instils fear. This is partly a process of conditioning through which the punished behaviour is associated with fear and consequently suppressed.

I think it would be useful if you would give your view of whether physical punishment works and what alternatives you propose for controlling sociopathic children.

Dear Richard.

YOU certainly don't mince words as does our Minister for Health who seems to have refused to say whether he advocates beating chil dren with implements as a contribution to the health of the nation Nothing mamby-pamby about you - hard slaps and caning for children you identify as "sociopaths"

We do know that the parents of Saddam Hussein, Hitler and Fred West, all subjected to repeated beatings, would have lapped up your advice had you been writing then. You ask whether physical punishment works. It does. It is a otent lesson in bad behaviour.

It teaches children that someone they love and respect believes hitting to be a useful way of sorting out problems. Children learn from what we do more than from what we say. Is that what you mean by "works"? You suggest that harsh physical punishment is "the only thing they understand". Confused elderly people and people with learning difficulties may not understand conventional explanakind. His mother has described tions and boundaries: do you advohim as "totally out of control" cate the same family discipline

sociopathic children; first let's be clear that there is nothing wrong with physical actions to protect children and to prevent injury but this debate is about causing pain and injury; 250 words doesn't allow a full description of alternatives, but I will remember to send you a selection of Epoch's information leaflets on positive discipline.

with fear, hard slaps and caning

You ask about "controlling"

Peter

for them too?

Dear Peter,

YOUR assertion that physical punishment increases rather than reduces children's aggressive behaviour is contrary to the conclusions of psychologists who have examined this issue. The classic study was carried out in the 1960s by Robert Sears, who found that the more severely mothers punished their children for anti-social behaviour the less anti-social ag-gression their children manifested

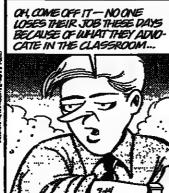
Contemporary textbooks of psychology state that punishment is effective in reducing or elimi-nating undesirable behaviour, such as: "Severe punishment can be extremely effective in stopping behaviour" (D. Coon, Essentials of An authoritative account of

child socialisation has recently been produced by David Lykken in his book The Anti-Social Personalities. Likken is professor of psychology at the University of Minnesota. He writes that the only way to deal with sociopathic chil-dren is to teach their parents the skills of socialising them, including physical punishment.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury







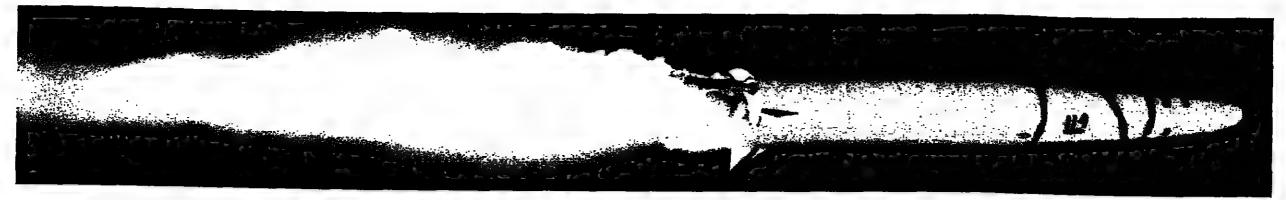


instance — is denied us, that we apparently have the right to inspect other people's wills. Some newspapers still print columns of wills for no apparent reason except that they've always done so. I suppose it is mildly interesting to discover that while the Hon Carpathia Bligh has left half her worldly goods. which were meagre, to a cat's home. Major General Basker ville Runt (I parody, but only a little) has spared just £100 out of an estate which runs to squillions for his parish church. But in any case, I thought the undisputed truth of the matter was this: when people leave modest estates, it often means nothing more than that they have better accountants than those who leave big MALLWERD is grieved to learn that churches, de-spairing of finding organists, are turning to organs which play themselves. You simply tap in a number, and Oh God. Our Help in Ages Past comes thundering out of loud-speakers. Still worse, on some of these gadgets there is even a built-in choir. What is likely to

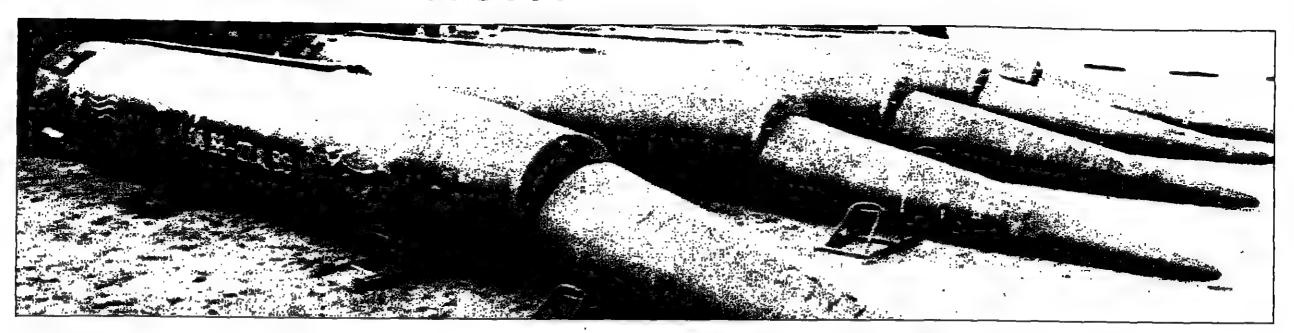
happen in churches in the era of smart machines, like fridges that order your shopping (as threatened at the British Association), is too painful even to contemplate. No doubt by then the digital organ will preach the sermon, take the collection, and pour the coffee All this mechanisation, too. will destroy those delicious mo-ments when the priest and the organist bave fallen into dispute and the organist gets his own back by starting to play a hymn tune before the priest has finished announcing it. Those who doubt the clout of a wronged must have a preferred wronged musician are referred to the spectacular case of revenge in Hardy's poem. The Choirmaster's Burial, which

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Peregrine Worsthorne used to believe in this . . .



Now he believes in this . . .



Why did he change his mind?

Was it Nixon? Thatcher? Morality? The old armchair cold warrior explains how he went off the Bomb

Sir Peregrine Worsthorne is an elder statesmen of the Right. He was a central figure in Margaret Thatcher's revolution as former editor of the Sunday Telegraph. In the late eightles he vigorously supported opposing the Red Peril through nuclear deterrence. Now his views have changed. Here he looks back on his earlier faith in the Bomb and derides it as a monstrous - and potentially genocidal --- folly

directly responsible for the deaths of at least 30 million people." wrote Ian Buruma in a recent Spectator review of a new book on Mao Zedong. So indeed it does. But if that degree of killing is beyond imagining, how much more so is the scale of killing which some western leader would have been responsible for had he ever felt compelled to push the thermo-nuclear button?

During the cold war a willing ness to press that button and, in effect, incinerate the human race was inherent in western defence policy. Had the Red Army, using only conventional weapons, at-tacked across a Nato border, the West was committed to respond with a nuclear strike.

That was official policy, known as Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD), mutual being a grotesque understatement since the destruction would have extended to the four corners of the earth. In the event, of course, the

thermonuclear deterrent worked. The Soviet Union never did attack a Nato country. But if it had not worked, and one or other of the American presidents had had to

press the button, in what light would subsequent generations — if there were any — have viewed

Would some historian, emerging centuries later from the post-thermonuclear war dark ages, have judged it morally justified or so evil as to dwarf even the most monstrous iniquities of Hitler, Stalin and Mao Zedong? Nobody nowadays thinks of asking that question.

During the cold war, the policy of MAD prospered, so none dare call it evil. Armchair cold war warriors, like myself, of course, never did call it evil. At the very least we thought it the lesser of two evils, by far the greater being the extinction of individual free-dom which would have been the consequence of Soviet commu-nism's world dominion.

Or so we vaguely, almost frivo-lously, allowed ourselves to think. Whereas CND said "better red than dead", we said, and felt proud to say, "better dead than red"

That an individual could proudly say — "give me liberty or give me death" — is more than understandable. But we armchair cold warriors in the West were saying more than this. We were saying that the whole human race, the greater part of which was neutral in the cold war,

should be put at risk to preserve western liberty. How could we have believed anything so

The answer is that to begin with our leaders, the people who mattered, didn't. They only pretended to believe it so as to make the thermonuclear deterrent credible Only if the Russians believed that the West would blow up the world in response to a conventional attack would they desist from making such an attack.

No moral problem here. Mutual Assured Destruction was all a bluff, so terrible in its nature that we were absolutely certain the Russians would never risk calling it. By this method of reassurance was Harold Macmillan able to sleep at night with an untroubled conscience. That is fine as far as it goes. But to be effective the bluff had to be credible and there was no way over the long haul of convincing the Russians that the West really was mad enough to blow up the human race without the West actually becoming so. So what started as a morally justified bluff eventually became some

thing much more real.

The logic of species survival dictated that the ultimate weapon would never be used. Louis Halle always insisted, however, that there was one human characteris tic which might make mankind defy the logic of species survival: ideological fanaticism. If one thermonuclear power, for exam-ple, saw the nominal issue beween it and its opponent as being whether the ideas attributed to Karl Marx or those attributed to John Locke should rule the world, then the contest would indeed tend to be all-out, directed to an unlimited objective that required total victory.

more important in the nuclear age than for the superpowers to deny themselves the self-indulgence of believing in the myth that man is divided into two opposed and mu-tually irreconcilable species, the good and the wicked. The two species, Halle was fond of pointing out, might be the servants of God. identified with Christendom, and

servants of Satan, identified with Islam; or they might be the virtuous projetarians and the wicked capitalists. period, there was no question of either side defying the logic of species survival, since under

Brezhnev the ideology was draining out of Soviet politics quite as fast, if not a lot faster, than it was draining out of American politics under Nixon. This did not mean that the cold war was over, but it had ceased to be between God and Satan; ceased, that is, to be about any issue likely to overcome inhi-bitions induced by mankind's instinct for survival.

These were the years of detente

and peaceful existence. In theory we could have all been inciner-ated at any time. But most of us had stopped fearing the mush-room cloud. This was not because either side had renounced thermo-nuclear weapons but be-cause both seemed to have renounced ideological absolutes. Then, in the last decade of the cold war, when Ronald Reagan came to power in Washington and Margaret Thatcher in London, everything seemed to change. Their fingers really might have

pushed that button.
This may have been partly due, in Mrs Thatcher's case, to a car-tain bellicosity of character. But fundamentally, for both of them, than personal, having little to do with love of war and a great deal to do with the extremity of their anti-communism or, if you prefer, with the intensity of their love of

Here I really do believe that the neo-conservative intellectuals of the New Right made a major and sinister contribution. They concocted a piece of casuisiry — as I now see it to be — which gave ideology a new lease of life; restored it to a primacy which the experiences of the nuclear age had

slowly but surely nibbled away. I remember hearing it for the first time at a lunch in the American embassy in London when the guest of honour was Mrs Jean Kirkpatrick, then a very senior foreign policy adviser to President Reagan — a varitable high priestess of the period. Eyes ablaze, she outlined her famous distinction between authoritarianism and totalitarianism.

HEREAS former evil empires had been authoritarian, only the Soviet Union had perfected the techniques required to render its dominion absolute and terminal. Therefore wherever the communist evil took hold, an eternity of damnation was bound to follow. Compared to a communist victory, the destruction of thermonu-clear war on a global scale could be envisaged with relative

equanimity.

Most of my fellow guests, the flower of New Right Thatcherites, found it a spell-binding performance. At long last someone had thought up a closely argued ratio-nale for supposing that the human

being dead rather than red. Even at the time, I was uneasy. Was the virus of communism really so terminally deadly? Evil the Soviet empire was, but

did it really have the power permanently to alter the nature of God's creation? Was this not to endow Messra Brezhnev and his successor Andropov with superhuman powers, with a degree of potancy which Christian theology does not even grant to the Devil himself? Such scepticism was brushed aside, rather rudely, as I remember. For ideological scepti-

> Thatcher had cone very much out Luckily for the Reagan-That cherite New Right, all's well that ends well. The heretics, in the person of Mr Gorbachev, recanted without the human race having to be incinerated. No cause, there-

cism in the days of Reagan and

fore, for regrets, still less shame.
Quite the opposite. The New
Right can and does now boast that
their zealotry, more than any
thing else, proved the last straw
that broke the Red Bear's back.
Possibly it was. Without the New Right's ideological fervour the cold war might still be unresolved. But it could so easily have had

the opposite effect: provoked the Red Bear into one last act of globally cataclysmic desperation. It is this possibility that I find so

disturbing.

For from the knowledge we now have of conditions within the Soviet Union at the time of its collapse, it is clear that the threat it posed no longer justified carrying on the policy of Mutual Assured Destruction. This is not to con-done communism. It remained to ernment. But by then it was manifestly not a totalitarian system capable of stamping out the human spirit for all time.

Soviet Union did not continue to pose a threat. But it was no longer, if it had ever been, so swful a threat that the duty of the West was plainly to incinerate the world rather than to compromise

To bluff about that duty, as was the West's way for most of the cold the New Right zealots were not bluffing. They really did believe that the West should push the button, and had the Russians made a eriously false move, press that button is just what Ronald Reagan, abetted by Margaret hatcher, might have done.

That is what the New Right cold warriors would have urged them to do. So, in all probability, would I It makes me quite sick to think about the hawkish leading article I would have written in the Sun-day Telegraph. For anti-commu-nist hawkishness had become by then almost a reflex action.

It is this that worries me — the

New Right's macho readiness, towards the end of the cold war, to envisage thermonuclear hot war. At the beginning of the cold war it was too frightful to imagine. Then, with experience, we learnt to accept the threat as a necessary tool in diplomacy. But in the final triumphalist period — long after the Soviet Union had become just another dictatorship — the New Right, in the grip of ideology, seemed almost to look forward to thermonuclear Armageddon.

A longer version of this article appears in the current Spectator

High fliers like to lie OW

Norman Foster wants us to live in the clouds. But the rich people who have tried it in Hong Kong would rather stay nearer the ground, says **Andrew Higgins**

us that social climbing means precisely that climbing to a luxury apart-ment in the clouds atop the Millennium Tower he has planned for London. The world's champion social climbers, though, are far less literal-minded. No one ever disputed Hong Kong's zeal to get ahead. It boasts two of the world's anead. It boasts two of the world's
10 richest billionaires and more
Rolls-Royces per capita than any
other city in the world.

It also has scores of tall buildings and a breathtaking skyline.
But real status in Hong Kong
comes from staying firmly on the

ground.

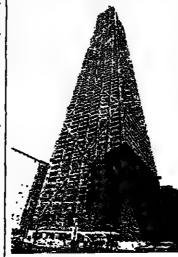
"Very rich people like to be different," says Ronnie Chan, the multi-millionaire chairman of Hang Lung Development, one of the colony's main property firms. "If everyone else is going up, we like to stay down. Here possel live in porthouses but very people live in penthouses but very few can afford to have their own garden." Chan, like many mem-bers of the colony's plutocracy, lives in a family house on Victoria Peak, close to the heavens but only thanks to nature thanks to nature.

Across Asia, economic boom has produced a building blitz, most of it vertical. Malaysta has just snatched from Chicago's John Hancock building the right to proclaim itself home to the world's highest towar Chicago is alone by highest tower. China is close behind, with two huge office blocks under construction in Chongqing and Shanghai. Hong Kong has Asia's second tallest building and a tycoon called Nina Wang wants to unseat Malaysia.

But such giant totems of power and wealth are dedicated almost entirely to offices. Corporations

and countries like heights. The people who run them seem to like the ground. The Hong Kong Bank and the Bank of China have both built sturming skyscrapers, one designed by Norman Foster, the other by the Chinese-American architect IM Pei.

Near the top of both is a luxury suite for visiting corporate executives. Such extravagance, though, has little appeal for real masters of the universe. Sherman Kung, a leading Hong Kong architect who worked on the Bank of China project, says senior Chinese cadres who visit prefer to stay in a hotel or in the bank's villa. "The service is better and few people like to sleep in an office block." Hong Kong's best-known veteran social-



Up, up and away . . . life at the top isn't all it's cracked up to be ites. Brenda and Kai-bong Chau. live in a low-rise mansion called Villa D'Oro with a garage for their his-and-hers pink and gold Rolls

Living in a high-rise could mean sharing the lift with people like Chong Tsoì-jun, a modestly wealthy cigarette trader whose name has been plastered over local newspapers in connection with a fraud and corruption scandal. Last week, he took advantage of his 36th floor in a luxury apartment block to end his long legal ordeal: he jumped. His pyjama-clad corpse was found floating in the swim-

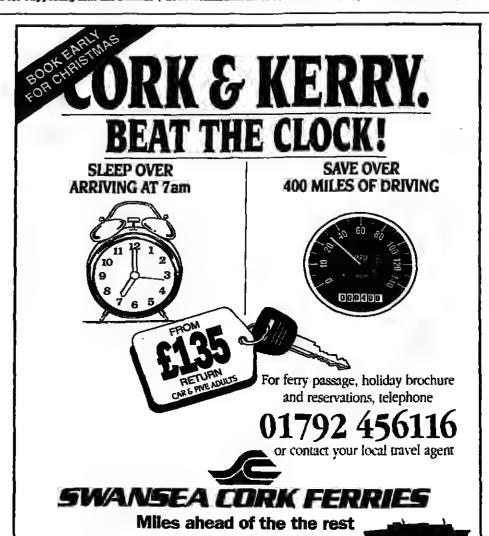
ming pool.

Far from being the exclusive preserve of the rich, life at high altitude in Hong Kong is highly democratic. Over half of the population lives in high-rise public housing. Some of the colony's recreed live in penthouses.

poorest live in penthouses.

"Living high up is nothing special in Hong Kong. It is the norm," said Dr TC Ho, a psychiatry professor at the University of Hong Kong, "But fewer than 1 per cent can afford a private garden. Nearly everyone else lives in tall apartment blocks." Living in the clouds is so much a part of ordi-nary life, he says, that Hong Kong has few of the problems associated with crowded low-rent high-rises

in Britain or the US. At the Man Hing Estate in Chai Wan, a working-class district at the end of the subway line, the top floor of the colony's tallest council block is occupied by a factory labourer, his wife and four children. They hang washing from the windows of their 44th floor eyrie, burn incense on the rooftop - and





otticelli bonkers . . . Film-maker Piotrowska and her mock-up Primavera. Top right: the real thing

h no it isn'

Botticelli's Primavera has made fools of the experts for centuries — and still people spend their lives trying to unlock its secrets. This woman admits to being obsessed by it. Me too, says Veronica Horwell

GNIESZKA Piotrowska - I'll call her AP - is Polish, which means that she discovered subersion keeps things

alive in head and heart. It means also that 20 years ago when she was 16, she boarded a beaten-up bus tour through Europe and queued with her father outside the Uffizi in Flo-rence. There she met Primavera for the first time. She was sur-prised by its size. It is taller than a man. It takes five wide strides to walk from one side to the other.

Her father, who sounds very wise, said it was about change. AP directs documentaries now.

Her last was about Jerzy Kosinski, the Polish Jewish American suc-cess and suicide, a wizard of contradictions, who left her low in spirits. So she wanted to make a film about the sublime:

nance and attribution,
psychosexual sublimations and

manifestations of the zeitgeist. We listen. He knows, you know.
Only when AP started to

research Primavera, she realised that nobody knew. There was agreement it was the work of Allessandro (Sandro) Filipepi of Florence, called Botticelli, which means little barrel, painted between 1470 and 1490 for the city's prime family, the Medici. Giorgio celli of "Venus, whom the Graces are covering with flowers denoting the spring" in Castello, a Medici country Villa. There it was rediscovered in the 19th century and warily displayed to the public

in 1853. Item, then, one painting, in pigments bound with egg-yolk, a drop of vinegar and linseed oil on poplar wood panels. Left-to-Right, Mercury prods a private cloud-scape with his wand; three Graces lance; tilt-headed female, could be Venus, raises her hand in — wel-come? blessing?; blindfold Cupid hovers above her, Flora, a young woman of perpetual total modernity, looks straight into your soul; realm where arrogant, inspired patrons sponsored poets, crafts

a nymph, Chloris, is lunged at by a wind, Zephyr. Backdrop: orange trees in fruit and blossom and a sliver of silver river. Foreground: about 500 plants of which 33 are fantasies and 42 are botanically identifiable; Professor Guido Moggi found that out after the 1982 cleaning, which dissolved five cen-turies of sunset gold varnishes to leave a pale dawn scene. That's it.

Beyond that no one concurs on who commissioned it, why when, nor what it means. AP did ask. She photographed authorities pontifi-cal in their chairs, or tome-inhand in their libraries. She edited the answers, one butting another. for her film, which is like a Polish cabaret, pre-fall of the Iron Curtain. Very subversive.

Zo! says venerable Prof Sir
Ernst Gombrich, my once novel

theory was that Primavera was a teaching aide for Lorenzo Pierfrancesco Medici, temperamental teenage cousin to the great Lorenzo di Medici — Il Magnifico. Gombrich believes that philosopher Marsilio Ficino wrote a shooting script for Primavera, which was a kind of commercial selling Neo-Platonism to the boy. It was a fashionable New Agey thought in 15th century Florence, combining astrology, muscial harmony, uni-versal love of mind for mind, magic, a tender Christianity and classical religion, etc.

Und nous summarises Gom-brich to AP's camera, if you vant me to explain in one sentence, Primavera iss about the realm of Venus, an ideal world.

No, no, says Dr Paul Holberton, it was never drawn for Lorenzo Pierfrancesco; he would have been about seven. And that's not Venus, she is anybody's idealised beloved. It's about love at first sight.

Oh, it could have been done for Lorenzo Pierfrancesco, concedes Dr Charles Hope. But nobody asked Ficino to script anything. Love for the mind? Mind?! Obviously it's all about physical love and a new, rich sensuality.

Ah, asserts Prof Charles Dempsey, who long ago was Gom-brich's protege but defected, it was created for Il Magnifico and those deities were real people. Prof Bill Kent counters it was made for Il Magnifico, yes, but painted when his revered mother, the mamma and mediator to all Florence, had just died: the Venus-madonna-

Interjected between are teasing theories about Mercury being a portrait of gorgeous Guiliano. Il Magnifico's brother butchered by a rival family in a hit at High Mass in the Duomo on Easter Sunday, yours. 1578; and Flora or Venus being a portrait of beauty Simonetta Vespucci, dead of TB at 23. "Vell," responds Gombrich

you can say anything you like about the past. You can say they were very fond of spinach if you vant. Ve don't know."

I go round to AP's house in Acton to see the full-size mock-up of Primavera in her sitting-room. Art students cart it about Florence in the film, proving points practically, like you can't get it into the room where Vasari claimed he saw it because it won't pass through the stone doorway. AP and I sit most of an evening staring at Venus — if that is Venus. (Gombrich's famous essay has a foot-note quoting 15 different interpretations of her expression.) AP's partner slopes off to research definitions of happiness; he's in the psych business. AP filmed psych interpretations of Primavera, too. They're 100 per cent absolute and totally contradictory. A Freudian in red emphasises the moment of deflowering and a gentle Jungian in black indi-

cates mandala shapes.

AP has witty anecdotes about some authorities she approached who were just too dotty even for her film. But more on her mind is worry that, with new policies for Channel 4, there will be no more commissions as stimulating as this, on which she spent six months. It seems that C4 has been like the Florence of Il Magnifico and his father Cosimo: a place of experiments removed from outside power struggles; an ideal be shown on C4 tonight at 8pm.

men and artists and where the citizens were presumed to be bright. What does AP feel about Primavera? Feel, not know That Venus is sad and looking back at the past. That it is about change

N THE film, a vivid Floren tine in the street, shown AP's repro. says it's full of grace and pregnant women. I like that and I go rummaging at home for a box of souvenirs from a cold wet spring spent in Florence searching for specimens of all 42 of those real plants in Primavera's foreground. Look, there's my poster of it, carried like a chart for miles, cracked down the folds and grappa-stained. And the list of flower names ticked when I found them: the spooky hellebore grew among sump oil in a rubbish dump, and a footballer jumped into corn so green the wind made no sound in it to pluck me an early cornflower bud. A Florentine gardener in AP's film grumbles they don't all bloom in the spring, but I checked off the total 42.

I should like you to believe that It was an educated interest in Laurentian Florence that first booked me on the painting, but it was, in fact, a House & Garden magazine ad decades ago for Pat Albecks furnishing fabrics — curtains sheets — based on Primavera's flowers. They were expensively printed on cotton. I could only efford the pillowcases, so I bough a cheap art-partwork in lieu of the rest of the decor and was spell-bound by the subject. Though I never speculated what Primavera means: it seemed then like those sixtles Vogue fashion spreads with figures on exotic location, but no narrative. Or maybe a musical production number

But I did think much about Botticelli himself: look, there's my notebook scribbled with his brief life. The studious, sickly son of a tarmer; a goldsmith's apprentice; a pupil of Fra Filippo Lippi; he worked from home "as and when he pleases", as his father declared to the tax authorities when Sandro was 35. He sounded restless, a perfectionist taking commissions and either never beginning them or abandoning them incomplete. He hadn't had a Medici education but that didn't silence him: "Without's scrap of learning and scarcely knowing how to read, a friend wrote, "he plays the commentator of Dante." What do they mean little barrel," wrote Il Magnifico "he's a big mouth for input and output, never without an invitation to dinner and supper, at home anywhere and always buzzing mio

When the fortunes of Florence and the Medici declined in the 490s, Sandro was converted by the austere and fundamentalist preacher Savonarola; he offered up his secular artworks to Savonarola's young cultural cadres who burnt them on the Bonfire of the Vanities in the Piazzo della Signoria before Lent, 1496. Savonarola himself was burnt in that square the next year. by those who had formerly

advanced him. Botticelli lived one more decade. He painted ever less. "He is the only painter not burdened with commissions," wrote an agent to & prospective patron, "and he would gladly work for you." Towards the end he accepted handouts from those who respected his achieve ments, and they asked him to sit on the committee deciding where Michelangelo's David should stand. He was buried in his

father's tomb, destitute.

I return my list to the box, with the Handbook Of Wild Flowers Of Southern Europe and the business card of the Japanese doctor who sat next to me all one sopping day that spring in the Uffizi regarding Flora's face. He had played truant from a conference in Switzerland to see it. He was not surprised by its size, because he had thought of it as a Japanese screen ever since, in childhood, he first saw the picture in a book one summer day in Osaka, when he had to stay home because of air pollution.

Primavera, Myths Or Fingerprints, will

Primavera. Art on television is supposed to be authoritative. Scientific, even. Vasari, who wrote about lifestyles of the Renaissance rich and famous, saw around 1550 a Botti-Somebody stands before a masterpiece and speaks about prove-

Pity the poor Bosnians, says Gary Lachman, for having to put up with the artist's convoy of peace

An embarrassment of liberals



SHOOTING STARS

Up . . . While a slip of a lad at

Chetham's School of Music,

and making his professional

debut, conducting Bartok's Miraculous Mandarin Suite —

"awesome" said the critics.

Up . . . In late '95, Rattle with-

draws from a CBSO concert in Chatelet at the last minute; the

evening's programme contains Mahler and Schoenberg works which are far from standard in the

conductor's repertory. But Harding

ence, and conducts the concert to

And away . . . This week, a fort-night past his 21st birthday, he

conducts the Berlin Phil, where he's Claudio Abbado's assistant.

it's his biggest triumph yet, again precipitated by the original con-

ductor's freak withdrawal. Is Harding spiking their drinks?

wades in lies about his experi-

delirious acclaim

Harding bumps into Sir Simon Rattle. By the time he's 18, he's

Going . . . At the psychedelic end of the sixties, that ole Everley Brothers close-harmony country croon began to sound a smidgen passé. The problem is exacerbat-ed by their Drug Hell — Don says his doctor gave him hallucinogenic substances under the gulse of vit-

amins. Hmm. Going . . . Phil smashes his gultar on stage in Texas and flounces off. The group is kaput. The pair don't speak for several years. Don gets fat and moves to Nashville. Gone . . . They re-form. After enjoying a mini-vogue as one of the proclaimed influences of the Britpop crowd, the Brothers convene in Berlin this Thursday to entertain middle-aged Germans. But "Auf wiedersehen, auf wieder-sehen, mein Liebe" doesn't have the same ring, does it?

Provocations

N LOVE Thy Neighbor, his account of the Bosnian war, Washington Post journalist Peter Maas remarks that during the "conflict" Bosnia became "a choice stamp to have in your metaphysical passport". He mentions Bianca Jagger's "fact finding" visit in 1993, inferring that her humanitarian cachet profited more from this than any Bosnian did. Recently I had an opportunity to ponder Maas's wisdom. As a member of a London "artists' convoy" I was at the Art Of Freedom Festival held in Tuzla last month. Geared, according to its prospectus, to "provide an opportunity for the people of

Tuzla to enjoy a diverse arts

festival after four years of war", and to be a "permanent marker for creativity and toler ance against nationalism and creeping ethnic cleansing". Umjetnost Slobode, as the festval was called in Bosnian, raised questions of how one gauges the success of these affairs. But, even more, it raised the question of exactly whose festival it was.

That arrangements proved an exercise in disorganisation was bad enough. Basic require-ments like lodging, food, toi-lets, not to mention scheduling of events, were, at best, shots in the dark. Tuzla's mayor, Selim Beslagic, wrote a letter wel-coming the convoy. Yet according to John Davies of Workers Aid For Bosnia, one of the festival organisers, when the con-



voy reached Tuzla, nothing had been prepared for it. There were even suggestions of profiteering. Spanish aid workers, come to help rebuild the Dom Mladi, the youth home, were told they'd be charged for every

Granted, organising massive affairs involving hundreds of people isn't easy, especially with a considerable language barrier. But looking at the festi-val prospectus, and reading the list of events that didn't hap-pen, like the closing classical performance by flautist Wissa Boustany, one questions whether we should have been thankful for what did take place. Creating adverse condi-tions and congratulating yourself on the small achieve you squeeze out of them is a dubious business. And if the living conditions of the 100plus members of the convoy --the corridor of a school, with two unreliable toilets and show ers to accommodate all — were supposed to mirror those of ome earlier occupants (300

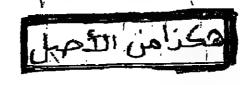
refugee women who lived there for more than a year), then bad taste also enters the equation. Disorganisation wasn't the worst of it. There was also the

worst of it. There was also the feeling we were imposing this festival on Tuzla. Realising no one, including ourselves, knew what was going on, a "procession" designed to "make as much noise as possible" was organised. No one took much notice of this. Yet what struck notice of this. Yet what struck me were the costumes. One woman, a stilt-walker wrapped in black leather, wore insect-eye goggles and brandished arms that looked like ear mufarms that looked like ear muf-flers. She could have come off the set of Mad Max. This might go down well in Camden, but what does it have to do with multiculturalism and ethnic tolerance, especially in a coun-try that had seen enough of real-life monsters? It seemed that for a great deal of the forti that for a great deal of the festi-val we were taking in each oth-ers' laundry: much of the audience at most of the events were members of the convoy.
A call to "take to the streets"

was given on the first day. Advertising, or desperation? Were we helping these people, or slumming? That some of Tuzla's teenagers enjoyed a free Dodgy concert is, to be sure, a good thing, as were the music and craft workshops that some of the local children attended. But I couldn't escape a feeling of strain, even at the successful events. And when a woman journalist assured me that nalist assured me that
"Bosnians want the same things
we want," I wondered at her
surprise, and the implied understanding that "they" were "just
like us", and that that, of
course, was a good thing.
In a firewort finale grant.

In a firework finale, explosions echoing those of a year before drove out devils in the form of Spanish dancers. I had to admit relief, and the embar-rassment liberals feel when they realise their philanthropic efforts are a tad patronising.

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Sky's the limit

T WAS only nine minutes into Peter Benchley's The Beast (Sky 1) when they cut to a five-minute break. We barely got to know the smart young couple whose sailing holiday was rudely interrupted when they were sliced into bite-sized portions. (By four minutes in, even very simple viewers had worked out that the Beast was a giant squid, or its approximation. To all appearances, the cost-conscious effects johnnies had thrown a Greek starter into a fish tank and stirred vigor-

The break would have been the usual drill (Emma Forbes, her unimpeachable hair; Nicole, her tough life of buying clothes in a sissy motor), but for the fact that it was prefaced by a lengthy plug for Stephen King's The Langoliers. Only nine minutes n and we're watching trailers for the next bought-in American I'V movie! It was like Christmas Eve when they stop selling toys in the ad breaks and immed ately start selling summer holidays and January sales. But I haven't even opened my presents vet.

ously with pitta bread).

In terms of interrupting a thriller, this need not have been disastrous. After all, suspense works through deferral, by stimulating and frustrating

viewers' desires, satisfying them, if at all, in the last reel. In fact the break was a disaster. Because, even with nine minutes, we had time enough to realise that this was a TV movie which clumsily recycled some of Steven Spielberg's best seaborne standbys. We'll be back after the break? You may be, but I'm off for sushi. As soon as the sailors were in the water, they were shot from below, backlit by the noon. This would have been ingenious except it was derivative: that shot is all but the sig-nature of Jours, shown on Sky Movies Gold two days before. Bizarrely, re-viewing that movie was a fresh experience. Even an obviously rubber shark can seem menacing with a director who can construct suspense through editing and mastery of the mise en scène. Jaws even bad enough guile to lampoon itself — the scuba divers jokingly ter-rorise a beach with a plastic fin, a gag which at the same time fed

The Beast, by contrast, mastered only mess en scène.
Although Jaws has been endlessly parodied, it is its visual tics (shark's-eye camera angles, half the frame filled with water above which swimmers panic helplessly) that have been satirised rather than its cunningly evolving structure. Stupidly, the makers of The Beast regurgitated its tics without raising the narrative above TV movie good-guy-triumphs-over-squids-and-suits banalities.

Its most rewarding experi-ence was the five-minute break, because for a British viewer this watching bought-in American television. So often there is the ghostly feeling when we watch a musical interlude in *Ellen* (Hollywood to the sound of sub-Aretha caterwanling) or Friends (Manhattan to the sound of decorous indie-band strumming) that we have missed something, even if it was just an ad for Sal's Famous Pizzeria. But such disturbing experi-

ences abound on cable. If there's one thing more uncanny than watching EastEnders from the early eighties, it is watching it with a commercial break on UK Gold. On Thursday, Ian Beale was a little boy, watching Nik Kershaw videos undermeath an early-eighties montor Half an hour later on BBC1 he was a man, breaking up with his wife and breaking down into mature vulnerability. Youth has

never seemed so transitory.
On EastEnders UK Gold-style. a foursome at the Vic - Kath, Pauline, Pete, and Roly, the man-sized poodle — sat silently over drinks. Roly was the only one with a successful perm (Pauline's hair in particular wasn't so much teased as stalked) and the only one who knew the etiquette about closing one's mouth in polite society. The uncanny mood mounted: a dog, probably now dead, was never aware of his comic skills then, let alone how much delight he would provide to viewers more than a decade on.



After Ella . . . Annie Ross, one-time child star — and niece of Elly Logan — who grew up to become Britain's only truly international female jazz star — PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARCH

The lady is a champ

Cool, sophisticated and Scots. John Fordham pays homage to jazz great Annie Ross

The legend

work best if the edges are a little ragged. It's a principle that Annie

Ross, the elegantly Americanised Scots singer — who played herself in the film Shortcuts — only observes according to her own strict definitions. Ross is at the Cafe Royal's Green Room for a fortnight. a venue from which you'd not only be turned away if you turned up in reduced rates with a local psychiatrist. It's such a cushioned environment, attractive to audiences of well-heeled drifters who don't quite know what they're buying a ticket for that it almost threw even the ophisticated Ms Ross.

Though she's always at pains to declare her Scottishness. Ross's speaking voice sounds like Lauren Bacall after a run of late nights. As a singer her combination of meticulous attention to the anatomies of classic songs and a built-in ability to swing like a rhythm section (the product of years of familiarity with some of jazz history's great-est rhythm players, including Count Basie's) made her the most internationally respected jazz vocalist ever to have had a connection with these shores, even

including Cleo Laine.

But the qualities that have led to this reputation aren't as explicit or easy to define as they were for her famous American vocal contemporaries. They are more impassive and elusive than Ella Fitzgerald's day's (vulnerable sensuality) or Sarah Vaughan's (soulful grandiloquence) and she doesn't take the risks Betty Carter does, by appear ing to let audiences into her innermost psychological turmoil.

Ross appeared in Robert Alt-man's 1993 movie Shortcuts playing the part of a jazz singer, and it was at Altman's insistence that she usually sing. One such was To Hell | singer Buddy Logan were close rel-With Love, a brooding reflection on | atives.) Unlike virtually all British the price of passion that was a highlight of the opening night at the Green Room. Ross rubbed the point in by the way the drama of the song evolved, from bruised broodiness in twilight at the start the singer brought her own lighting expert for the season, Dizley Jones) to a frantic assertiveness that rattled the glassware. She inhabited this song in a way that closed the sometimes tantalising gap between where she appears to be and where she really is, but it's

a song that's close to a travelling

artist's heart.

angle on showbusiness for a jazz star, and it suffuses all her songs. She was raised for the stage and began appearing in Hollywood movies as a child. (She became the foster daughter of her singer aunt Ella Logan in California when she was three, decided to sing jazz when she was five on hearing Ella Fitzgerald's A Tisket A Tasket and worked on materials she didn't | Scots comic Jimmy Logan and

jazz artists, she thus grew up with the great stars of the music just around the corner, and wasn't fazed by launching a career on a Fifties world stage that already included Fitzgerald, Hollday and Vaughan. She was bright and curious, and she absorbed instrumentalists' methods as if she played a horn herself. Ella Logan understood jazz, and had close connections with the jazz world; which brought Lena Horne, Duke Elling-

Wednesday's show confirmed make her careful with lighting, clothes, and stagecraft, and not simply out of compensation for the passing years, but because she's done it all her life.

ton, Errol Garner and many others

For all that, she sounded edgy in her opening pieces, though deli-cately caressed into her stride by an excellent trio featuring three sensitive listeners in pianist Dave Newton, bassist Andy Cleyndert

and the veteran drummer Jack Parnell. Don't Get Around Much Anymore was a mixture of purrs turning into growls set against sudden percussive exclamations, turning into a Fitzgerald-like headlong scat. Twisted, her sardonic psychiatrist's couch narra-tive set to a famous sax solo by Wardell Gray was there too, now deeper, and more phlegmatically delivered.

Long after the show. Ms Ross was sitting at the bar with the band unwinding with a drink. She had introduced herself to the Green Room's support singer, who remarked that it was unusual for owne act to stay on the premises and converse, they usually headed for the exit flanked by minders. "It doesn't make sense to me, that star behaviour." Ross muses. "Friendships help cover the emotional gaps that life on the road causes. But more important than that, it's just about being a

human being,"

Annie Rossis at the Green Room, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, until September 28.

Anderson shelter

MAE KARPE

ERRY Anderson has done that horsey thing. Having fallen off Radio 4, he's climbed right back on again. Not that his new series Gerry's Bar bears much relation to the infamous Anderson Country, Which excited same Radio 4 listeners into believing that their radio sets were growing horns

Here he's back on his old patch, with a series of talks about his native Northern Ireland in the style of his previous series Stroke City, which made his name on the so-called mainland, Unlike Anderson Country, the new series displays his aptitudes, which are chiefly descriptive — the chap is splendid on summoning scenes, and turning in the crisp, funny line. But if Anderson is a storyteller of some skill, as a social analyst it's still nul points. His take on Belfast is not just patronising - the trouble with his fellow citizens is that they don't see the big picture" (presumably he does) -- but also seriously stereotypic, implying that its inhabitants are doltish bigots, prey to irrational beliefs. "So why are we at each other's throats for no good reason?". be asks rhetorically. It's not a useful way of making sense of religio-political strife, nor a

If Anderson remains alarmingly irritating, Anna Raeburn has become less truly, deeply, maddening. Her daily lunchtime Talk Radio agony aunt show, Anna Roeburn: Live and Direct, is still dispensing tough love, but she's mellowed a little and now sounds less reproving. The loquacious way she role-plays her advice con-

tinues to dement me: telling her callers in what they should say to their errant partner or recalcitrant kid. she comes over like some strong-but-sincere actress giving a stirring

But on the whole her counse is sound, she distinguishes well between the serious and the indulgent, and sometimes problem, like (recently) a chool non-attender's depres sion, Most valuably Raeburn serves the great in-betweens those untouched by social workers or psychotherapists.

James Whale's evening Talk

Radio phone-in is another matter. Full of artifical bombast, he uses listeners as a stage for his theatrical displays of selfimportance. On Monday night some timid young thing had to wait while he railed mock-exas peratedly about who can remember what. The best bit was when he had to go off for a pee and two female callers-in

got to chat between themselves Fve never understood why the satirists and parodists haven't got their hands on the phone-in, having burlesqued the news programme and chat show so successfully, but then I heard McDonald's new ad and there it was, a jokey money-sav ing tips phone-in, complete with nerdy caller using the lingo of fake intimacy ("To be honest, Roland"). The ad has just won an Aerial Award, a

monthly prize for radio adver-

tisements which culminates in

the annual awards next month. Other winners include the COI's highly interactive army recruiting commercial, begin-ning with the words "If you're thinking of joining the Army, try this simple exercise" and then entreating us to stay still

for 40 seconds, with chiding comments like "I can hear your breathing" from the voiceover in between. For a few moments, the listener becomes a virtual soldier, hiding in enemy territory. But most inspired is the Littlewoods ad, by the DMB&B agency, in which an announcer reading the football results slowly realises that he's won 250 grand. Continuing in the same tone he says "Ha Ha Ha 3; I'll Never Have To Read This Dirge Again 2 . . . My Producer Is A Moron 3; I Only Laughed At His Jokes To Be Polite 2". Wit and pithy narrative in under two minutes — no haiku could do better.

Miller's Traviata succeeds in spite of him, says Andrew Clements Doctor – No! Camélias, on on which Piave's

The let-down

A BOHEME, Tosca, Carmen and now Traviata; it's become a tradition of Dennis Marks' regime at English National Opera to open the season with a new pro-duction of a popular, repertory piece. Like its predecessors, Jonathan Miller's Traviata is straightforward enough to keep the box-office busy for a number of easons to come.

There are certainly several

aspects of the show that deserve to be widely seen and heard. They're mostly musical ones - the rewards of the evening are founded upon a beautifully modulated, slowish yet elegantly paced reading of the score by the American conductor Stephen Mercurio, who is making his debut at the Coliseum. The playing was immensely refined, and it lays the basis for a number of

first-class performances. Rosa Mannion's Violetta is a remarkable, heart-wrenching achievement, full of touching detail and inflection that makes the final moments of the opera hard to bear. She may not be a Violetta in the tra-ditional impulsive mould. She is not the life and soul of the party in the opening scene but a person tiring of life, so that Alfredo is the man in the right place at the right time. At the start, John Hudson's per-

formance as Alfredo seemed stiff. but by the second act the passion all

Outstanding . . . Rosa Mannion

fell into place. The Germout, Christopher Robertson, suggested several layers beneath the severe exterior. There are good supporting performances too, from Nerys Jones's Flora, Ashley Holland's bul

lying, bear-like Baron, and Anthony Mee's camped up Viscount. Yet despite these detailed charar-acterisations, Miller's approach as a whole is all too generalised. His visual starting point was Nadar's mid-19th-century photographs of Parisian society, and he peoples the production with their likenesses, to anchor it it firmly in the period and the world of Dumas' La Dame Aux until November 15

libretto is based. Yet it all becomes an elaborate, intellectualised frame in which to set the action; there is nothing in that treatment which is more than pictorial, nothing to interact with the drama in a meaningful way. Explicit moments of "production" are few and far etween, and the most striking of them is also the most revealing of Miller's attitude. In the final scene Violetta remains bedbound, and does not urge berself to the window (as the libretto directs) to watch a passing street parade; Miller's treatment may be more medically exact, as he argues in th programme, but it is not operati-cally perceptive. Violetta's last desperate attempt to recall ber earlier, viviacious life is one of the whole opera's transcendent points and the removal of it suggests that versimilitude is paramount to Miller and suspension of disbelief forbidden. But opera isn't real life, and

Twenty years or so ago Miller based a Kent Opera Traviata on the same ideas, with the same designer Bernard Culshaw and though the results here are always elegant looking they are also devoid of any dramatic life of their own, relying upon the principals, and on Man-nion in particular to inject the humanity, and to tell us something about the opera, and to hint at its bigger themes. Mannion does that often unforgettably, but she has to do it in spite, rather than because of the framework that this production puts around her.
Performances continue at the Coliseum

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Judith Mackrell applauds Swan Lake at the Piccadilly Theatre

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ALLET companies usually regard Swan Lake as the most reliable warhorse in their repertoire, the public never tiring of its exquisite Swan Princesses or of Tchaikovsky's familiar score. But for Matthey Bourne, director of Adventures In Motion Pictures, transferring his own production to the Piccadilly Theatre this week was potentially the riskiest thing he's ever done.

the commercially capricious West End because it relies on a loyal. carefully targeted public, and AMP's own interpretation of the ballet is particularly tricksy to sell. since it dares something that's only been attempted as transvestite parody before — it has all the Swans danced by men. When the work was premiered at Sadler's Wells last year, it was cushioned by a core dance audience which could appreciate the work's seriousness as well as get its jokes. Bourne's attempt to get this audience back Pure dance rarely ventures into for a second viewing and to hook

into a non dance public is, according to box-office lore, akin to financial suicide.

Except that this Swan Lake is a blissfully comic, fiercely moving piece of theatre that should convert even the grouchiest dance phobe into a fan. Lez Brotherstone's designs locate the ballet in a late 20th-century Britain of corrupt Royalty, Soho sleaze and secret magic with a style and ingenuity as arresting as any blockbuster mus-cial. But Tchaikovsky's music is magnificently more hummable than any Lloyd Webber score. And

which shows Prince Siegfried as the mad melancholy victim of a thousand hells for any contempo rary Royal watcher. The hallet was enthralling first

time round but on a second viewing it looks even better. Technically, the dancing has grown tighter so that the male corps invest an even more thrilling wildness into the powered grace of their Swan rituals. Adam Cooper in the Odette/ Odile role dominates the stage as a savagely beautiful force of nature, his arms braced like an eagle's wings, his gaze both remote and perplexed as he hesitates over his affection for the wimpish Prince Fiona Chadwick's Queen is a comic gem, and Scott Ambler's Siegfried has become even more haplessly

Bourne's re-write of the ballet, | poignant. It's not Petipa and Ivanov, and there are brief moments where you miss the love poetry of the original. But the terrifying final act where the lovers are torn apart makes Tchaikovsky's score far more viscerally exciting than any

Before the show opened rumours were flying around that AMP were seriously considering a Broadway run. Mad hubris, we all thought. Yet the response of this audience — packed with critics and heavyweight stars from both theatre and dance — made us think again. As the whole auditorlum rose in a spontaneous standing ovation we found ourselves in the middle of one of dance's most unexpected fairy tales - a tiny company's West End triumph. Details: 0171-367 1734

Dushyantor can go nap for Cecil

Chris Hawkins

this afternion's Pertemps St Legar at Longaster to give Henry Cool a furth encounter. Henry Cool a fifth success in

should a decent turn of foot in a slowly run race.

It would be along to con-clude be has winged beels. however, as a lact of acceleration seed, on his downfall at East in but none of his rivals is blessed with much speed. Outshy moor holds Shantou on the by torra, having beaten him a leastn and quarter, and

the latter law done little sub-

sequently to suggest he has improved - a Windsor victory last tone hardly inspiring confidence. Aport from flopping badly in the Irish Derby when Cecil believes the horse had not percented from Epsom, Dushyantur his been the epitone of consistency and the

dismissed suggestions that | or the easy Ebor winner Clerhis horse was running out of steam at York when Mons ap-Enson Derby become looks the looks t doubt in my mind about it."
While talking about stamina. Heron Island and St

ince beating Mons by half a length in the Great Voltigeur Stakes at York when he in last year's Leger, at New-bury last month and Peter Chapple-Hyam is bullish

about his colt's prospects, al-though his early form is nothing to write home about. St Mawes, 17th in the Epsom Derby when finishing very sore, has returned to pronunence after winning the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood (Mons a length away fourth) and he should be in his element over a mile and threequarters, being by Shahrastani out of a mare by Shir-

ley Heights. Some will argue that this season's Classic three-yearolds are a moderate bunch and in the circumstances it is better to look for value elseonly present chink in his ar-mour is standard. Ceell totally | Queen's Vase winner Gordi | Mawes and Mons.

kenwell. Gordi. who runs in the Cigar colours of Allen Paulson heat Wilawander into fourth in the Vase over two miles, with Clerkenwell seventh.

He has not run since, but he has been well backed over the last week to suggest there are no worries about fitness. Michael Stoute, however, is

not happy with Clerkenwell, who yesterday appeared sore on his near-hind heel. He may still run, but history is very much against him — the last Ebor winner to go on and take the Leger being Warlock in

Cecil caused a stir yester day when saddling Forest Buck to beat his odds-on stable companion Storm Trooper and he complicates matters here by fielding a second string in Flying Legend, who steps out of handicap company. Cecil said yesterday that Flying Legend is definitely not running as a pacemaker and expects a hold

Hopefully the maestro has it taped and Dushyantor (3.40) will become the fifth winning favourite in the last six years. I take him to beat St



Fandire tunes up for Arc Carson back on classic merry-go-round

Ron Cox

YEAR on from his Irish "A Champion Stakes succhoss. Fentire travels to Longithmup tomorrow to contest the Prix Poy, one of five Group races on a card which tradition: E: provides useful clues for next month's Arc.

Ladbrokes are of the opinion that Pentire is not a certrun runner in the Arc. but yesterday Geoff Wragg disinissed such suggestions.
"Provided Pentire runs a

carry on for the Arc." said the Newmarket trainer. "Unfortunately I wanted some soft ground to see how he would cope. Now the race may tell

Wragg also scotched rumours that Pentire was becoming reluctant to go out on the Newmarket gallops. He was certainly reluctant to leave the stalls in the King George, but came through to beat Classic Cliche and Shaa-

mit in tremendous style In that sort of form Pentire (4.35) should be too good for good race tomorrow, we will | Swain, last year's Arc third. |

Helissio, 5-1 favourite for the Arc with Hill's, will be a warm favourite to boost his claims in the Prix Niel.

Opposition includes his progressive stable companion Tarator, an unlucky second to Strategic Choice at Deauville last time. A good run here will see his Arc odds (33-1) cut dramatically.

Shaamit bids to uphold Pen-Hawkins. tire's Ascot form in the Irish Champion Stakes at Leopard stown today. He will not mind the drop in distance to 10 fur-longs, but could find **Timar**ida (4.00) a handful.

2) NEVADA (66) (0) A O'Eren 8-12 5131(2 NEADA WEN HEELS (315) (0) J Gooden 1 FORM TIPE: Compton Place 6, Hood Over Hools 7

other year after Bahhare three rivals with an impressive burst of speed in yesterday's Laurent-Perrier Champagne Stakes at Doncaster to become 6-1 favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas. writes Chris

So regularly does Carson come up with a top two-year-old that he seems destined to go on forever and was certainly excited

Whave to postpone his retirement for an than Alhaarth in this race got to remember there's a quality and has that touch strong following wind."

John Dunlop, the win- for in a future Classic colt.

"He's still a baby, very much a baby, and will de-velop." said the jockey. "He's not like Alhaarth, who was a complete horse as a two-year-old and the others caught him up. 'This one put some good

two-year-olds in their place and will improve. I wound him up two furlongs out and rode him right out to a fast time, although you've

strong following wind."

John Dunlop, the winner's trainer, is inclined to

give the Dewhurst Stakes a miss and doubts whether Bahhare will run again this "He's quite big and backward," commented Dunlop.

"I suspect we'll leave it at that and give him time to develop during the winter. As yet, he doesn't have the power or strength of his half-brother Bahri." Bahhare may not be a

powerhouse, but he is all

and it is a great pity that Revoque, who had just over four lengths to spare over In Command at York, did not run, having been with-drawn because of the fast ground. In Command could now

He beat In Command here

by three and a half lengths

drop back to six furlongs in the Middle Park Stakes, although Barry Hills still sees him as a Guineas ically in a matter of strides as we saw in the Joy U.K. Handicap when the favourite Daunt, who had appeared to be cruising home a furlong out, was swallowed up by a stoked-up

Spillo, Frankie Dettori seemed guilty of taking things a trifle too easily and John Gosden. Daumt's trainer, was not enamoured with his effort. which was in stark contrast to Kevin Darley's all-action finish on the

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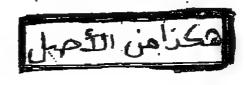
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Deering ban

VIC Deering collected a two-day suspension (Septem-ber 23-24) after he was found guilty of careless riding on Daawe in the H Leverton Handicap at Doncaster yester-day. The rider was adjudged to have interfered with Gone Savage, the eventual runner.

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Woosie snipes at early bird Monty

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HE big fight is scheduled for the end of October, a catchweight contest over four rounds, four hours each round, between, in the blue (for Scotland) corner, big bruising Colin Montgomerie and in the red (for Wales) corner, the wee Welsh wonder,

Ian Woosnam.

The battle to be the European No. 1 looks set to run from here in Versailles all the way to Valderrama in Spain in six weeks' time when the Volvo Masters tournament will probably decide whether Montgomerie, the reigning

son, and yesterday in the Trophée Lancòme they were again within a stroke of each other after two rounds. Woos-nam shared the lead with the Swede Jesper Parnevik at five under par on 135 but Montgomerie was on four under with Ross Drummond, Peter Baker and Silvio Grappa-

Marie-Laure de Lorenzi

set a pace no one could match when she shot a

course-record 64 in the Wilkinson Sword English Open at The Oxfordshire

It swept her to a nine-

under-par halfway aggregate of 135, two strokes

that, when I go out late that the course and also to a bitter, swirling wind.

Montgomerie is ahead on puts the pressure on me. I've

Montgomerie is ahead on points overall this season, having won last week in Switzerland to turn a £68,000 deficit to Woosnam into a £60,000 advantage. But both these fighters are playing in every counting event from now on and, with more than 53 mil-

lion still to be won, there is room for much manoeuvring The analogy with a prize-fight is not so far-fetched, considering the war of words that broke out yesterday. Woos-nam has a history of pugilism that goes back to the days of family holidays at Butlins, where as an eight-year-old he would splatter 10-year-olds all champion, is usurped by his diminutive challenger.

The two have been going at it hammer and tongs all seating unfair treatment with

starting times in the draw. What may be seen as a slightly esoteric aspect of tour-nament life can, in fact, be quite important. "He [Montgomeriel keeps on getting early times on Thursdays and late times on Fridays," moaned Woosnam, "while I get the reverse." He went on: "Then

her lowest tour round. She never went over par as she carded eight birdies to set

up the chance of a first win of the year.

the same threesome as de Lorenzi and climbed back

into contention with an im-

fredsson, with Britain's pressive 66 despite a bogey Laura Davies a shot further on the long 17th.

Davies, the holder, was in

particularly as he could hardly move when he got out sonni. Only 14 players were he goes and does a good score under par at halfway, a tribon the Thursday which means of bed with one of his periodic attacks of his painful spine condition, spondylosis. Montgomerie on the other hand was delighted to have got away with a 70, finishing De Lorenzi shoots record 64 Frenchwoman back on 138. The French-Laure de Lorenzi woman, who had a break-ce no one could fast-time start, equalled

The eagle at the long 16th eeded two driver shots and a 30ft putt, and the birdie at the short 18th came when a chip that would have gone 20 feet past the hole instead hit the pin and dropped in. "It was a particularly poor tee shot, which got a lucky kick to give me the chip I had. Then I hit the shot too hard ... On such strokes of luck are

eagle, bogey, birdle.

seven tournaments now.'



Hat trick . . . joint leader Jesper Parnevik (and trademark cap) lines up a putt in his 69

Hot and cold Rusedski acts the brittle Brit

REG RUSEDSKI is not REG RUSEDSKI is not a man to sink into deep moods of gloom but yesterday, for once, the enduring smile was hidden behind a dark and brooding cloud of frustration. "You know you have to change and you don't," be said. "That's a sign of mediocrity."

He had just been beaten by He had just been beaten by

Jason Stoltenberg in the quarter-finals, despite taking the first set 6-1 with play of such sustained excellence that the Australian, a semifinalist at Wimbledon this year, was rendered powerless. But thereafter it was as if all the elasticity in Rusedski's body disappeared and a brit-tleness engulfed him which shredded his confidence.

"Greg started really well I made a couple of bad mistakes in that first set but other than that it was hats off to him." said the likeable and affable Australian, clearly enjoying the peace and quiet of an English seaside town after the mayhem and madness of the US Open in New York. Stoltenberg, the world

No. 26, is having exactly the sort of run that Rusedski so desperately wants. 'Tve had consistent results all through the year," he said. The first signs that Rused-

first set. At 15-40 down he produced two huge serves for deuce but had to survive two more break points before

duly did so to go 2-0 up in the second set. "If Greg had got on a roll I would have been packing my bags," he said. The Australian reeled off

There were critical mo-ments in the final set when Jason Stoltenberg in the Rusedski, faced with a rela-Bournemouth International tively simple shot to win. went for a quite unnecessary level of difficulty.

Having lost his serve in the third game Rusedski should have broken back with Stoltenberg 30-0 down on serve. The two exchanged shots at the net but with the court as wide open as his normal smile Rusedski clipped a backhand into the net. Thereafter defeat came upon him like the rushing of a mighty wind and he slumped into his chair and covered his ears against the umpire's intona-tion of the 1-6, 6-1, 6-3

scoreline.
"I go blank out there," he said, shaking his head as if to loosen something blocked inside. "I have these spurts. I get the big wins and then . . .

The other British survivor, Danny Sapsford, knew well enough that his time on the centre court would be brief, for in Spain's Alberto Costa ski's personal Friday the 13th he was facing one of the was to explode in his face world's leading clay-court came in the final game of the players. The No.1 seed allowed Sapsford just two games. Costa might have expected

to play his fellow Spaniard finally clinching the set. Sergi Bruguera in today's Stoltenberg, built like a fast semi-final but the twice bowler and with deceptively French Open champion was quick feet, knew he had to surprisingly beaten by compound those doubts and Sweden's Magnus Norman.

Lack of long-term home investment hidden behind import-led boom

Robert Pryce

THERE will be twice as many foreigners in the Budweiser League this season. The clubs, the league, Sky Television and even the association apparently believe this is

abroad as a result of the Bos- and Jason Crump — it is only man ruling. The current ac- a few BPA officials, and they

Bangor (N.H.)

count shows that about 20 have mostly moved abroad. English players who appeared The issue, the England cenin the league last season have gone elsewhere in Europe and that about 30 extra foreigners have been recruited in their

The Englishmen are earning more abroad than they could in the Bud League and the clubs have successfully filled the gaps. So who is comthe players' union should plaining? Apart from the 23 ing this season with just and Neill Ricketts, prominent apparently called Fabulous to partner David Coulthsink. "Who's complaining?" Englishmen who the Basket about the same squad that in Palace's run to the flournoy; the Leopards will ard, writes Alan Henry.

asks one league official. Players Association competed last season. "Some National Cup semi-finals last have four. Few British players Raif Schumacher, the 21-The clubs voted to allow claims have been "squeezed themselves five foreigners out of a job" — including such each in anticipation of losing recent England internationals the best English players | as Dave Roper, Steve Darlow

tre Martin Henlan continues to insist from his new club in Heraklion, is the league's lack of "commitment to the talent and development of English youth". In this respect only

competed last season. "Some people are interested in success in the short term," says Alton Byrd, the club's coach and part owner. "I think I don't think he'll be as good as how wonderful the league will be the McLaren test driver between the competed last season, will be given the will be seen on court; fewer will be expected to contribute to the scoring. We will be told has turned down an offer to how wonderful the league will be the McLaren test driver

Sedgefield (N.H.)

Americans may temporarily satisfy the needs of the sport, he says, "as a long-term solu-tion I'm not sold on the idea, because there are no kids coming through".

Yet Byrd has two particularly promising English players at Palace. Wayne Henry, another player developed by the Brixton Topcats, could be "the next Steve Bucknall" have the time." some of the Americans com-Though bringing in extra ing into the league," says

couple of years."

Some people cannot wait that long. Tomorrow Sky,

which has committed itself to broadcasting a live game every Sunday after the Premiership soccer game, will be showing the Birmingham Bullets against the Playboy TV Leopards. Birmingham will play be this season. And no one will be heard complaining.

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Motor Racing Rugby Union

Hakkinen signs for next season

MIKA HAKKINEN, who recovered from serious injuries sustained practis-ing for last year's Austra-lian Grand Prix to be a front runner in this year's world championship, has been re-signed by the McLaren-Mercedes team for 1997 and will continue

and will shortly sign a deal to race for Jordan-Peugeot.

5.05 Parton B

Wasps sign Reed on eve of visit to Recreation Ground

the Recreation Ground.

The 27-year-old Cornishman, who has not played com-petitively since December 1994 because of a back injury, will join another Scotland inin the second row at his new club. The former Lion, who was not under contract with Bath, had looked set to join London Scottish but negotiations broke down at an ad-

vanced stage.
Jeremy Guscott leads the champions today in the most attractive Courage league game. Phil de Glanville is rested and Bath give league debuts to their rugby league Irish.
recruits Henry Paul and First Division clubs threat-

Harlequins, early pacesetters in the league after hefty wins against Gloucester and West Hartlepool, give a last week

BATH's Scotland lock league debut to a fourth Wigan player, Gary Connolly, joined Wasps on the eve of the meeting between the sides at Carling in the centre against London Irish at The Stoop.

Despite their victory over Bath lest weekend, Leicester make changes for the visit to Orrell. Three players make ternational, Damian Cronin, the scrum-half Garry Becconsall, the fly-half Rob Liley and the 18-year-old flanker Lewis Northampton recall their England fly-half Paul Gray-

son against unbeaten Bristol at Franklins Gardens. Grayson replaces Gregor Town-send, who sprained his wrist on the first Saturday of the season but played in last weekend's defeat at London Irish.

Jason Robinson, who face ening to break away from the their Wigan team-mate Welsh Rugby Union are likely to be offered £300,000 each to his union debut on the Wasps are to meet the clubs in an attempt to pacify them after a £500,000 television deal for the Anglo-Welsh Cun fell through

Sport in brief ******************

Rugby League Sheffield Eagles will next sea-son play at Bramall Lane,

home of Sheffield United FC although the Don Valley Sta-dium, their base since 1991, will be used for the 1997 Challenge Cup and Alliance fix-tures, writes Paul Fitzpatrick. John Bentley, the Halifax winger, has withdrawn from Great Britain's tour to Papua New Guinea, Flji and New Zealand and is replaced by Jonathan Roper, the 20-yearold Warrington centre.

Snooker

Brian Morgan, the world No. 49 from Tiptree, Essex, reached the semi-finals of the Suntory Asian Classic with a 5-4 win over Malta's Tony Drago in Bangkok, writes Clive Everton. Morgan recovered from 4-2 down.

Table Tennis

Carl Prean, who refused to play for England all last sea-son, will not be in the team for the opening match of the European League campaign against Turkey at St Austell today, writes Richard Jogo. The former national champion has club commitments in Germany which take priorwin promotion to the Super Division. It is 16 months since he played for England.

Sailing

Poul-Ricard Hoj-Jensen, Denmark's Olympic gold medallist in the Solings in 1976 and 1980, became European champion in the Dragon class when the last day's racing at Pwilheli was cancelled because of an unsteady wind, writes Bob selection process. A decision Fisher. He beat Cees Nater of is scheduled for the end of the Holland by 3.3 points.

Sports Politics Capital gains

for Wembley

John Duncan

WEMBLEY's campaign to win the year-old battle to be the new national stadium received a big boost yesterday when its six-monthly figures showed a 71 per cent increase in operating profit and a major reduction in debt to

£53.5 million. "Wembley's bid is certainly not encumbered by any negative issues concerning its financial stability," a Wembley spokesman said yester-day. "This issue was overday. come last year, following on from the wholly successful refinancing of our parent, Wembley plc." The stadium complex itself

saw operating profit increase by 130 per cent, helped by the six self-out Euro 96 matches staged there. And City analysts say that the long-term future of the company looks more secure after a recent change of top management.

Yesterday's announcement may erase lingering financial concerns about Wembley that have hindered its bid for the £180 million of Lottery funding available for the construction of a new stadium. Wembley was shortlisted

last October with Manchester but since then negotiations have dragged on, with the two bidders accusing the Sports Council of coming up with new criteria for the stadium. Manchester has even threatening a judicial review of the

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Battings, 7-2 Bellrol, 4-1 First Crack, 5-1 Plinto, 6-1 Severa Gala, 7-7 Tastweet, 8-1 Beach, Ning's Shilling 14-1 Backley Boys, Prize Match Cigar, whose run of 16 straight wins ended in last month's Pacific Classic at Del Rey, bids to restore his reputation in the Grade One Woodward Stakes at Belmont Park today.

James Fanshawe's Almond Rock (David Harrison) and Peter Harris's Poppy Carew (Gary Hind) contest the Group
Two Made In Europe - Val des Pres Trophy over 10 furlongs in
Frankfurt tomorrow, while Ray Cochrane (Artan) and
Richard Hughes (Silent Lake) both have local mounts booked.

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Arsenal say Wenger is coming, Houston going and Rice sticking

Martin Thorpe

RSENE WENGER will join Arsenal be-fore the end of this nonth. Meanwhile et Houston's decision to quit Highbury yesterday could speed his arrival as the new manager of Queens Park

The Japanese club Gramday whether they are pre-pared to release Wenger from his contract as coach before its expiry in January, and the Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood was confident yesterday. "We have been in contact in the Far East very recently and I feel extremely positive about what we will be able to announce," he said. nonsense" reports that Wenger will not arrive until next year, an assertion supported by the fact that Gramous have finally appointed Carlos Queiros, a Portuguese coach, as the Frenchman's

replacement.
I think you will find that
the new man will be with us at just about the same time as we originally said he would be." said Hill-Wood. Houston, the former Gunners No. 2 and recently caretaker manager, is understood

mer Arsenal boss George Gra-ham, now at Leeds, as well as Loftus Road.

to have been offered a post as

assistant manager to his for-

However, he is extremely tempted by the chance to con-

He discounted as "complete" tinue as a No. 1, the position done a good job at other clubs. It has be held briefly at Highbury And Stewart is a very good will not arrive until after Bruce Rioch's departure and that could tilt his Houston, who has spent 10 their attempt to overturn a decision towards OPR

He offered a hint yesterday that he was not looking for another assistant's job when have wanted to further my career. It is clear I will never get the No.1 job at High-bury." Hill-Wood agreed. "It would not make sense him go-ing to Leeds," he said. "He would still be a No. 2. It is still a surprise and very sad for us that he now wants to go, but I think it is a case of rising am bition in him. I believe that it

is absolutely right he should

be thinking that way, espe

cially when a few other clubs

ears at Arsenal was guaran Wenger, But he is understood have been frustrated about his recent treatment by the club after also being overlooked for the manager's job when George Graham was Last Monday when Houston was asked if he felt loyalty to

Arsenal, he said only: "I am under contract for two more Arsenal's former Northern Ireland defender Pat Rice has become their second caretaker manager in a month and will be in charge of Mon-day night's live TV clash with

their attempt to overturn a 3-2 deficit against Borussia Mönchengladbach in the second leg of the Uefa Cup in Cologne on September 25 — a few days before Arsenal now expect Wenger to arrive.

However, there is also speculation that if Houston joins QPR he will take Rice with him. Nevertheless Hill-Wood insisted that Arsenal were not in turmoil. "We have taken a great deal of criticism for getting rid of Bruce Rioch and having nobody in place to is never the same level of criticism when, say, Manchester City or Rotherham do something similar.



believe we shall be able to fulfil everything we wanted to do once it became clear we

Last night QPR's managin director Clive Berlin said: "We have no plans to an-nounce a new manager at the moment." A decision is expected next week.

As of Thursday night there had been no official approach by QPR for the Charlton man ager Alan Curbishley. QPR may have been put off by the

The column that puts the vile in Vale

Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

to share with you ex-tracts from the Port Vale programme. For those of a sensitive dispostion, we suggest you look away.

"Julian Clary, Justin Fa-shanu and Quentin Crisp have all offered to play for Newcastle after reading about players receiving a evere tongue lashing." Blame George Andrews, a Radio Stoke DJ. It is his

column. Here is another offering.
"England's game against Moldova was a none event [sic]. The pitch was as flat as Pamela Anderson's sweater on a cold day." And there's more. "If England's instructions in the second half were to do bugproud. It's no wonder the grass was growing so thick and fast because of the huge amount of crap on it." As this same column. recently included a 132-word sentence without any

> OF COURSE, Vale's man-ager John Rudge is no stranger to seeing odd things in the programme. His Christmas 1990 column alleged: "The players will do a training session to run off their Christmas pub." And last week the typographical gremlin booked another gem: "On the night our fishing made all the

punctuation, perhaps now rould be a fitting moment

for someone to provide a final full stop.

CONFUSING times for fans of Scottish sides. Hamilton plays for Falkirk. Stirling turns out for Partick, and Brechin and Cale-donian Thistle have a Ross. But so do Ross.

CAN WE really believe Dean Holdsworth's version of his bust-up with the Wimbledon manager Joe Kinnear? "I think he just wants me out to get money in to buy new players," said the striker this week. Then again Holdsworth said in the same article:

"He has slagged me off behind my back, tried to put me up as a troublemaker,

claimed nobody is inter-ested in buying me. Other managers will be looking at the picture Joe has painted of me and think, 'We could do without that sort of bother here'." Make your mind up. lad. mind up, lad

DUT George and Leeds together and you get: Le

Yes, it gets worse. If the Arab princes buy Manches. ter City, will there be a boardroom sheik-up? (Blame Doug Meredith of Manchester for that one.)

INGATE and Finchisy Third Division. So perhaps to have a team bus. Well, they have actually got an £11,500 Cadillac De Ville. It is owned by the club's press officer Harvey Ackerman. "I can take five play. man. "I can take five players in the car plus all the team kit in the boot," says the independently rich benefactor. "Everyone wants to ride in it; the youth players even fight over who should go in the front seat." front seat."

The car, already club colour blue, has also been kitted out with the club name and crest on the doors. But why a £11,500 Cadillac? "Because I didn't want the team muddying up my brand-new Jag."

EARLY contender for chant of the season, from Manchester City fans: "Nobody's Blue and White Army." (From Kevin Cunmins of Manchester).

Comb Championship:

URTHER evidence that Leeds were bewitched by Manchester United last weekend. "If anyone can win three successive titles it's Alex," said Gary Kelly in the match programme. David Wetherall agreed: "I think they can make it a three-timer for the title." Even Lee Sharpe had no doubts: "It is definitely within Manchester Uni-ted's compass to win the title for the third year running." (Thanks, Michael Crick of Chipping Norton).

YOU WILL need to know that Peter Beardsley was recently done for you fully appreciate that an anagram of his name is Speed Ray Belter.

'Beast' joining United at second time of asking

IGUEL Angel Nadal, the manager Brian Little quoted bis predecessor a \$200,000 fee. defender nicknamed the "Beast of Barcelona", is experted to sign for Manchester United next week despite failing to agree personal terms with them in the summer.

United's manager Alex Fer-guson yesterday said that he expected his £3.5 million offer for the 30-year-old Barcelona player, whose proposed move to Old Trafford collapsed during Euro 96, to be finalised before next Saturday's visit to Aston Villa.

Nadal will be eligible for European Cup duties only if United make it to the knockout stages, but Ferguson said: "Hopefully we can qualify from our section. Then we are going to get into a really tough spell of league games and European ties, and I just felt that we left ourselves a bit

Coventry's manager Ron

Villa Park, was hoping to exploit the 36-year-old's dissatisfaction at losing his place in the first team and the Republic of Ireland squad this se "We were prepared to take him off the Villa wage bill," said Atkinson. "We've made inquiries about him, but won't pay a fee." Southampton's manager

Atkinson, who worked with McGrath at Old Trafford and

Graeme Souness has decided against signing Bologna's striker Giorgio Bresciani after a trial period at The Dell. "Bresciani was keen to join us and had played for clubs like Torino and Atalanta, but I could not be sure he was the right man for us." be said.

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Carpers -

The south coast club, whose interest in the Norwegian short last year with regard to striker Jan Aage Fjortoft defenders." dlesbrough's £1.3 million ask-Atkinson, meanwhile, pulled ing price, have now turned out of a deal for the former their attention to his fellow United defender Paul countryman Tore Andre Flo, McGrath when Aston Villa's of SK Brann.

Evergreen Wilkins primed to

soccer seems to be doing its bit to relieve the burden on Help the Aged, writes Patrick

While the 35-year-old Chris Waddle was signing the form that would contract him to Fal-

wise I wouldn't be here," said Wilkins, who first experienced the game north of the border during a three-year spell with Rangers in the late Eighties. "Younger players these days don't get a chance to relax on the field, and I think I can help there."

Wilkins and Waddle have little chance of adding to the honours they have won with

long and distinguished careers, but they clearly have

It is Hearts and Dundes United, however, who are charged with the task today of making an impact on the lead-ers in the Premier Division. Hearts travel to Ihrox for a collision with Rangers, while

our league campaign."
Celtic, who must put a 2-0 defeat by Hamburg in the Uefa Cup behind them, may be without the left-back Tosh McKinlay for the trip to Tan-

United put their shirts on the Alex Ferguson of merchandising

Martin Thorpe on one field in which the best of British beats the rest out of sight

United are the best in the world, and the likes of Real Madrid, Benfica, Paris Saint Germain and Bayern Munich visit Old Trafford to listen

No. not Alex Ferguson's nightly dream but a daily reality. Of United's 250 million turnover last season, £28 million came from one, surprising source: merchandising — everything from rep-lica shirts and videos to books and bedside lamps.

To put £23 million in perspective, we are talking a figure larger than the entire annual turnover of any Premiership club except

To give an idea of volume, United's magazine is, at 140,000 copies, the biggestelling sports monthly in the UK. In Thailand it sells 40,000 copies a month — in Thai. Its first print in Norwegian last month sold out 9,000 copies in a week. Soon it will be sold in

Malaysia in Malay. This is the language of serious devotion — of the fans to the club and of Edward Freedman to the art of making money. He is the Alex Fergu-son of merchandising, the £2 million a year when he took over in 1991 to the top of the Premier League. And no other club is in sight.

Someone who deals with all the clubs said to me recently that, if you likened it clubs are five yards down the track and we're already through the winning tape, he says. "I may sound arrogant. but I'm not.'

What Freedman has done is take the merchandising concept by the scruff of the shirt and shake it for all it is worth. Manchester United Merchandising Ltd, of which he is

managing director, sells more than 800 products through a 5,000 sq ft megastore - soon to be doubled in size - and another of 3,000 sq ft, plus a mail-order division, a wholesale division supplying shops, and a licensing division.

For many of the game's romantics the merchandising concept is anathema. Mention replica shirts to them and they spit back "rip-off" and "exploitation".

Nonsense, argues Freedman. "People like to belong to a group and show their allegiance," he says. "So if there is a demand you give that de-mand what they want. But there is no way we exploit fans. Exploiting is over-charg-ing or selling poor-quality goods. United won't do that. I won't do that. Anything I don't consider good value, we

"You can only rip a person off once, and we don't want to think supporters are stupid and will buy anything, but that's not true. One of the main reasons for our growth is we've given good value and

And his defence of the fre-quent kit changes? "If supporters are bothered by them, head of a department that has why did we have such huge lifted its turnover from queues for the new red kit?" £2 million a year when he he asks. "And we could have put the price up to reflect our status as the country's top club. Other companies do: Leother jeans. But we don't." He even believes that "one day there will be a demand

for a kit change every year instead of two. Fashions don't last two years; people get fed up with a look very quickly". A clause in the Umbro contract forbids him revealing how many replica shirts he sells, but it is an awful lot.

But merchandising is increasingly about more than classed by Jushirts. Five years ago the per- on the pitch.

centage ratio between shirt sales and other sales was 80-20; now it is 40-60. Still, other clubs struggle to see the light. They may show interest, come to see the setup, but usually miss the point. "There are two clubs nearby who thought that because United have a huge store they wanted one. But it's not the size of the store, it's how you lay it out, what

your product is, how your staff are. Those two clubs didn't think it through and theirs just don't work. It is the same with the magone club magazine there was a picture of the chairman be-Fans don't want that. The club's marketing manager agreed with me but he said: ' can't tell the chairman.' And there's the problem; too many chairmen are just in football

"Ask them to gamble £1 million on a player and they sign straight away. But if they are asked for £500,000 to set up a proper merchandising operation to make the sort of money we do, they won't want to know."

Never mind, United sell on, looking next to expand their overseas sales, which currently account for only five per cent of total turnover.

More merchandise, more

money, but all for United. 23 million profit for them last year. "The football always comes first." be says. "Without that there is no brand to sell. Ditching the grey kit cost vis are more expensive than us a lot of money, but the manager and players didn't like it so financial considerations went out the window. And for the fans we've knocked £10 off the replace-

ment shirt out next month. "My main motivation is to make the most for Manchester United. The more money

they get, the better the team and the ground." United may have been outclassed by Juventus, but only



King Edward . . . United's super salesman outside his megastore PHOTOGRAPH: CHRISTHOMOND

A N Other

THE year England won the World Cup was also the year this distinguished exponent of football's creative arts signed professional forms with a firm of ironmongers down Plais-tow way. He quickly proved himself an academic amo academicians and with his easy temperament came to personify the way the game should be played. His 47 international caps included an almost telepathic partnership with a future Messiah. He still talks a good

Last week: Brian Flynn (Burnley, Leeds United Burnley, Cardiff Doncaster Rovers, Bury, Doncaster Rovers, Wrexham).



Performance of the week: Aljosa Asanovic (Derby County), whose all-round Blackburn on Monday.

Weekend fixtures

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Newcastle v Blackburn _ Southempton v Tottenham _ West Ham v Wimbledon ____

Chelsea v Aston VIIIa (4.0) .excester v Liverpool (a-t) .

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Chelses v Aston Villa (4.0)
Leicester v Liverpool (s-t)
FA CUP- First-reund qualifyings St Helens v Garaeheact Sillingham in v Ounston, Workington v Crooks Suxton v Geett, Oldham in v Halitax: Durham C v Morpeth; Harrogate v Consert; B Auckland v Pickerling, Brandon v Morecambe; Greine v Arnold: Filinton v Bootle; Guiseley v Hucinali; Yorkshire Am v Salybridge C; Ashbor v Harrogate R. Nedherfield v Nantwich; Accordington Stanley v Gasett A; Muston v Prichiley: Eastington Colf v Winstord; Willington v Newcasile Tn; Bradford PA v Achfield, Matiock v Leek; Tow Law v Gairs-borough Trin; Bridgnorth v Trafford; Eastwood v Eccleshil; Hattleid Main v Knowsley; Warrington v Hyde: Garforth v Whittis; Mossley v Burscough; Rossendale v Southport; Burson v Garberth w Whittis; Mossley v Burscough; Rossendale v Southport; Burson v Garberth v Whittis; Mossley v Burscough; Rossendale v Southport; Burson v Garberth v Whittis; Mossley v Burscough; Rossendale v Southport; Burson V Garberth v Whittis; Mossley v Burscough; Rossendale v Southport; Burson C; Liversedge/Afherton v likeston; W Auckland v Bamber Br; Biddworth v Stapenhilt; Curzon Ash v Evenwood v Stapenhilt; Curzon Ash v Evenwood v Stapenhilt; Curzon Ash v Revenwood v Rerriby v Chorley; Lincoln U v Lancaster C; Rossington Main v Btakenal; Bedilington Tev v Prudhoe, Rocester v Kettering; Hinckley A v Halesowen H Bedworth v VS Rugby; Atherstone v Cogenhoe; Westfields v Rushden & D; Stafford R v Bilston; Grastey R v Chase; Wednessfield v Hednesford; RC Warwick v Northampton S, Tantworth v Willomheit; Evesham v Pelsall V; Moor Grn v Schillull Bor; Sourbridge v Halesowen; Pershore v Kruppersley VIC; Sandwell Bor v Shepshed Dyn; Maddon v Bedson IT; Sudbury VI v Gt Yarmout; Rothwell v Spalding U, B Stortford v Sedont; Woodham v Kings Lynn; Cambridge S; Wisbech v Newmarket; Flaur Heybridge S; Wisbech v Newmarket; Pelsen Heyse; Herdrod v Potars Bar; Chesham v Borg, Herdrod v Potars Bar; Chesham v Horse, Herdrod v Potars Bar; Chesham v Horse, Herdrod v Potars Bar; Chesham

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

Barnstey v QPR Birmingham v:Stoke

Sheff Utd v Ipswich Swindon v Tranmer

Second Division Brentlord v Blackpool Bristof Ryrs v Wattord (a-t)
Burnley v Wycombe
Craws v Wrexham
Luton v Chesterfield
Notis County v Milwall
Peterborough v York

Third Division Colchester v Hull

Darlington v Hereford

Exeter v Brighton

Hardlepool v Wigan

Lincoln v Barnet

Mansfield v L Orient

Northampton v Cambridge Utd

Rochdale v Doncaster

Rochdale v Carlisle

Oxford Utd v Bradford C. SCOTTISH LEAGUE First Division Airdrie v Greenock Morlon East Fife v St Johnstone ...

Falkirk v Clydebank Partick v Stirling St Mirren v Dundee Second Division

Ayr v Clyde ______ Brechin v Stranger _____ Dumbarton v Livingston ___ Hamilton v Berwick _____ Ouesn of South v Stenhousemuir _

Third Division Arbroath v Albion
Forfar v Ross County
Inverness CT v East Stirling
Queen's Pk v Montrose

GM VALIXHALL CORFERENCE: Altrino-ham v Woking; Kidderminster v Maccles-tield; Northwich v Tellord; Slough v Brumsgrove.

UNISONID LEAGUE Premier Divisions
Colvyn Bay v Barrow, Ruscorn v Blyth
Spariars; Spennymoor v Wilson Alb. Finat
Divisions: Congleton Tn v Worksop Tn;
Droyleden v Whitey Bay; Great Harwood
Tn v Atherton LS

Droyleden v Whitley Bay: Great Harwood The v Atherston LR.

ICS LEAGUE: Pressier Divisions Kingstonian v Hitchin:
DR BEARTENS LEAGUE: Pressier Divisions: Ashtord The v Newport I-O-W, 81-39 COUNTRES LEAGUE: Press Divisions: Backpool Press v Vauchall GM; Clitheroe v Presoct Darwen v Kidsgrove Ath: Eastwood Hanley v Glossop North End, Holker Old Boys v Salford C; Maine Rd v Portith.

Aft: Eastwood Hanley v Glossop North End. Holker Old Boys v Salirot C; Mains Rd v Penrith.

Rd v Penrith.

RDSRATTON SHEWENTY MORTHMENN LEAGUE: First Division: South Skields v RTM Novercastic: Stockton v Sasham RS.

NORTHERRI COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Prentier Divisions Denaby Util v Beiger Tr.; Glasshousyhton Wel v Armstorpe Wol: Hallam v Thackdey: Hatfield Main v Ponteract Cois. Mailby MW v Brogo Tn.

S-E COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0). Cape First round: Barnet v Southampton; Bournemouth v Wycombe; Bristol Rws v Chelsas: Cambridge Util v Luton Tr.; Coi-chester Util v Millwall; Ipswich v C Palaca, L Orien! v Southand Util: Norwich C v Arsenal (10.30); Oxford Util v Failham (10.30); Ox

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Premier Division
Aberdeen v Kilmarnock
Oundee Utd v Celtic
Serving To (230); Inter Cable-Tei v Portirmadog (230); Newtown v Briton Ferry; Rhyl v

Barry Tn (2.30); Inter Cable-Tei v Portingdog (2.30); Newtown v Briton Ferry; Rhyl v
Ton Pentre.

FAI BATTOMAL LEAGUE; Premier Divleice: Finn Harps v Home Farm Everton
(7.30); Singo Ryrs v Shelbourne (7.30);
Tomorrows: UCD v Cork City (3.15).
Shield: Southers Sections: Cobh Rumblers v Waterford (7.30); Kilkenny C v
Limerick FC (7.15); Tomorrows: Northern
Sections: St Francis v Longford Tn (3.15).
FREEDELVY Middlesbrough v Rep of Ireland XI.

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NATIONAL CONFIRMENCE LEAGUE

(2.30): Premier: Dudley Hill v Oldham St
Anner: Hevorth v Lock Lane; Mayfield v
Beverley; Seddleworth v W Hulf; Wootston
v Egremoni. Flest Barrow is v Askarr;
Blackbrook v Eastmoor; Moldgreen v Millom; Culton v Leigh E: Walney Central v E
Leads; Wigan St Judee v Thornhill
Seconds Dowabury Moor v New Earswick;
Hull Dockers v Normantor; Miltont
v Featherstone Am; Ovenden v Eccles; Redhill v Sidrisagh; York Acom v Shaw Cross,
AGADEMEY; Capt London v St Halene;
Widnes v Leeds; Cardisford v Warringtor;
Keighley v Saltord. Plabas Batley v Oldham; Whitehaven v Halifax; Wakefield v
Berrow.

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BIOMEISER LEAGUE: Derby v Crystal
Palace (7:30); Manchester v Leicester
(7:30); Hemel & Walford v Thames Valley
(7:30); Worthing v London (8:0). Toescereus Birmingham v Leopards (7:15); Chester v Hemel & Walford (8:0); London v
Derby (5:0); Newcassis v Worthing (5:30);
Sheffleid v Manchester (5:30),
MERN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Pool
Institutes Cardit v Bournemouth (8:0);
Croydon v Cheesington (8:0); Finishira v
Aston Adama (7:30); Mid Susses v London
(7:30); Northampton v Shropshira (8:0);
Notlingham v Coventry (8:0); Ware v
Ordord (8:0).

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THERE MATIONS TOURGLAMENT: Ireland v Wales 4.0. Lisburn), Tomorrowe
Ireland v Scotland (2.30),
RABIPSTEAD & WEISTMINSTER CHALLENGE (Paddington RG: Today & Tomorrow 9.46): Group as Hampstead, Oxford
Linky, Surbiton. Br Crostys, Maidenhead,
Oxl Loughtenlans, C. Bromfey, Cambridge
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WOMEN'S CLUBS: Worthing v Guildford.

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Scottish preview

infuse Hibs' young blood As A refuge for senescent not lost their enjoyment. Alex Miller, the Hibernian

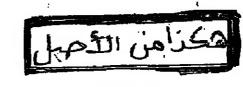
that would contract thin to rai-kirk, Ray Wilkins was con-firming that he will celebrate his 40th birthday today in a Hibernian jersey. The former OPR niaper-mendado QPR player-manager also agreed a monthly deal with the Easter Road club, and will face Raith Rovers in Edinburgh. "Of course I believe I can make a contribution, otherwise I wouldn't be here," said

honours they have won with top-level clubs throughout

Alex Miller, the Hibernian he is taking the German midfielder Thursten Schmugge on a month's trial from FC Bochum.

United entertain Celtic Rangers suffered a 3-0 de-feat in Zurich on Wednesday which will have done nothing for their buoyancy. "Yes, we have the job of trying to lift ourselves," said the champions' manager Walter Smith, who has added the midfielder lan Formace his equal. lan Ferguson to his squad. "But we can't allow the European Cup to interfere with

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F INACTIVITY leads to restlessness then Leices-tershire have abundant opportunity to fret about the destination of the champi onship. The two-day victory against a feeble Durham side, strengthening their hold on the leadership, was so ab-surdly straightforward that walting to discover if their rivals can respond in kind will prove more intimidating.

Durham's challenge was so inadequate that it will be no surprise to discover that Don King has moved into cricket promotion. Their defeat by an innings and 251 runs was their heaviest at first-class level, and if they ever had a five-year plan it has approached completion with all the success of a moribund

James Whitaker, an energising influence in his first season as Leicestershire's captain, spoke of "zoning in" on the job, and no side could have cast aside such feeble oppo-nents more efficiently. Middlesex, their final opponents at Grace Road on Thursday, will be more redoubtable.
"We are in a fortunate post-

tion where if we play good cricket we can win it," said Whitaker, "but any one of five sides are still in contention."

Durham's second innings Mullally, who swept aside the tail in a spell of five for 27, is their only player to gain in-ternational recognition. Vince Wells, whose outswing. at assertive medium pace, destroyed the top order, has out-performed England's most-regarded all rounders all season without gaining so much as a second glance.

Another telling comparison came with the respective per-formances of two West Indian professionals. Sherwin Campbell's last contribution on a home ground was a submissive flay at his second ball, from Millns, and a duck which began Durham's capitulation. By contrast, Leicester-shire's Phil Simmons, who is kept out of the West Indies side by Campbell, followed up career-best figures of six for

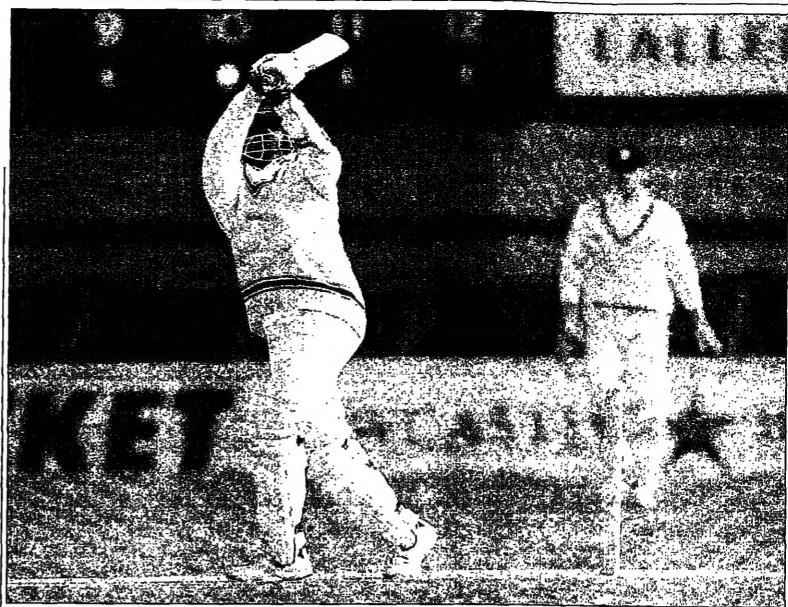
14 by trouncing a hapless attack for 171. When Leicestershire's innings had been suspended prematurely the previous eve-ning because of bad light, there was an inkling of uncer-tainty. Victory already looked a formality but it would have been devalued without maximum bonus points, and at 253 for five, still 97 runs short of the mark, those looked by no means automatic.

was blown away for 139 respecting county attack shortly before six o'clock by two bowlers who epitomise pline and built up the prestact beicestershire's season. Alan strike bowler of merit. Simo Brown, also forced to contend temporarily with the demands of captaincy, looked close to exhaustion and the rest approached incompetence.

Simmons and Nixon, emba rassed not a jot by such largess, both thrashed bloodless hundreds in a record Leicestershire sixth-wicket stand which comfortably outdid Durham's combined total for both innings, Simmons wielded away disdainfully, Nixon flourished around off stump and a partnership of ridiculous ease was worth 284 in 53 overs when Simmons heaved at Campbell's low fulltoss and was bowled. The declaration altered the

mood. Wells had Hutton and Ligertwood leg-before, and ended Daley's resistance. Mul-lally extended Morris's unproductive season thanks to Millns's slick catch at shortextra, then had Roseberry caught down the leg side. Indignant Durham mem-

bers glowering at the back-drop of Lumley Castle must have been of a mind to reopen tire playing staff, "Unbelievable," one muttered. "It's not unbelievable at all," said another. "It's bloody inevitable."



Lashed . . . Phil Simmons hits out on the way to a century that helped set up a two-day maximum-points win over Durham

Glamorgan v Surrey

plays title role

David Foot at Cardiff

OR three hours Graham
Thorpe batted as if the title depended on his innings. He played Glamorgan's persevering slow bowlers with an intensity of concentration, as Surrey deliberately improved and then built up their reply. In a stay devoid of risk, and

on a wicket which hardly embraced stroke-making, his first serious error - overlooking any apportioning of blame, that is, when Stewart was run out — brought his Q15M158: e cut loosely at Watkin and Morris held the catch in the slips.

After him came Shahid, feet comfortably rather than elegantly far apart, and his solid stand with Hollioake. Surrey finished on 273 for four, still 91 behind on first innings, and with the match of such importance still delicately halanced.

Welsh national pride has few inhibitions when acknowledging its heroes: Rob-ert Croft, suddenly a Test cricketer, is the latest.

The boundary seats yesterday huzzed with extravagant praise, guaranteed to embarrass this village boy. 'We've been saying for ages he's the best we've got; he's always capable of running through the opposition on his own." They might have been talking of Barry John.

But of course it was never going to be easy curtailing Surrey's innings. There was too much palpably at stake, too many ears striving to hear what was happening at the other grounds where the championship title was likely to be decided. Croft was, as expected, on

by the 10th over, immediately having Butcher in some trou-ble and offering false hopes to the Cardiff faithful. Up on the Surrey balcony, the manager and his players leaned forward. They watched Croft concede only 16 runs from his opening 11 overs, impeccably on a length and finding some slow turn. Martin Bicknell lunged fatally forward, to be beaten and stumped by Shaw, the former Neath rugby

> experienced Metson. The 18-year-old Cosker soon joined Croft, he has a relaxed, controlled action and his virtues as a left-arm slow bowler have been noted and encouraged at England Under-19 level. Immediately before lunch he was rewarded when Maynard lurched for a low reflex catch off Butcher at

player, chosen ahead of the

backward short leg. Surrey wisely retreated from adventure. In the period up to tea they scored 93 from 40 overs but lost Stewart in the process. He set off for a single when Thorpe played the ball to backward point but he quickly gave up hope of beating James's lethal return.

Pass of wightware 34, 60, 154, 165, 165, 164, 216, 222.
To bath A Sheriyar.
Bowlings Walsh 20-3-62-5; Smith 12-4-32-1; Alleyne 24-5-70-1; Davis 20-7-47-0; Ball 11-4-40-0; Symonds

O A Leatherdale not out
'T M Moody b Walsh

K A Spiring run out ... †S J Rhodes b Walsh & R Lampitt b Walsh R K illingworth not out

Derbyshire v Warwickshire

Defiant Thorpe DeFreitas digs in for victory Gooch is still in

Mike Selvey at Derby

TTH the news of the Chester-le-Street cakewalk filtering through the grapevine, Derbyshire, intent on hounding Leicestershire to the end, must have felt as if instead they were chasing their tails here yesterday. A day that had begun inauspiciously, with an easy catch missed in the slips off the first ball, finished with Derbyshire striving to reinforce a first-innings lead of Il and set up a bridgehead from which to bowl Warwickshire out.

Winning will not be the easy task it once seemed, for their early cricket allowed the visitors back into the game and in the afternoon their batting, with the exception of Tim O'Gorman, proved suscep-tible to a pitch that had quistened but still offered encouragement to seam.

O'Gorman had his off stump removed by Dougie

tershire retaliated with an

unbeaten stand of 91 between

David Leatherdale (66) and

Richard Illingworth (43) for

the ninth wicket at New Road.

Worcestershire recovered

for 50 overs, and with the aid of some powerful straight-driving made 66 of Derbyshire's 189 for six.

Krikken (14 not out) and Phil DeFreitas (12 not out) can help extend that to around 250 it ought to be enough. There is a caveat, though, for Dominic Cork is injured and, unless Devon Malcolm returns to Planet Earth, Derbyshire will effectively be attempting the job with two bowlers.

contrived to take more wickets - 76 - than any other howler in the land. He may return with a vengeance today but thus far he has been less destroyer than pleasure-steamer. Four overs for 28 runs on

Thursday were followed by another four yesterday, this time costing 34 — 15 of Brown with the close in them in one over including stumped by Piper down the sight, having been missed two fours and a hooked six leg side off Giles.

Walsh foiled by late Worcestershire stand

THE Gloucestershire capto 813 for eight in reply to the follow-on — 47 short of the follow-on — against Kent took five for 62 before Worces— Walsh's sequence had been at Canterbury. Robin Smith

sparked by his dismissal for (60) was out to the last ball of

54 of Graeme Hick, who hit a the day.
six and eight fours.
Smith dominated a fifth-

Jason Laney reached 1,000 wicket stand of 55 with Laney

runs for the season as he as Kent obliged by dropping made 105 in Hampshire's bat-four catches.

at second slip three overs — as Graeme Welch (45) previously. But he had and Tim Munton (26 not played exceptionally well out) added 62 for the final wicket to take Warwick shire from a potentially di-sastrous 169 for nine to 231.

It was perticularly hard on DeFreitas who, supported by the availant Krikken (14 not ont). ported by the excellent Andrew Harris's three for 63, had soldiered manfully from the Grandstand end to take seven for 101, his best figures for the county.
Thanks to the last wicket, Warwickshire added pre-

cisely 100 in the morning before Harris had Welch caught at point. DeFreitas had earned his corn earlier, Somehow, between the carnage in Cape Town and having Small leg-be-yesterday, Malcolm has fore while Harris nipped in wicket. Derbyshire then strug-

gled to make headway, with Barnett, Rollins and Adams all back in the pavilion inside 20 overs. Jones and O'Gorman then restored the equilibrium with a fourth-wicket stand of 81 before Jones was smartly

Essex v Sussex

the driving seat

Paul Weaver at Cheknsford

HERE are those who are beginning to suspect that Graham Gooch is not real at all but merely a creation of J M Barrie's; Peter Pan enjoying a bit of R and R. His new hair-do is now familiar but yesterday he even sounded about 20 as his MG rasped throatily behind the pavilion and his bat crashed merrily as if it belonged to an

adventurous tyro.

At 43 and a bit he is still just about the best batsman in only Paul Prichard was dethe country and the leading feated by a decent delivery. scorer this season. His 82 vesterday put him on 1,708, so with three innings to go it is still possible he could reach 2,000 runs in a summer for the sixth time.

If there is one thing guaranteed to bring the best out of Gooch it is a confrontation with a fresh foe. His best innings this season was his double hundred against Somerset at Taunton and there are some at Essex who think this was partly because be had never previously faced the wayward but pacey Andre van Troost. Yesterday there was an-

other greenhorn who needed reminding of Gooch's preeminence among modern English batsmen. James Kirtley, 21, bowls at a nippy pace and took five wickets for a TCCB XI earlier this season. He is getting a run in the side

following the demise of Ed Giddins but here yesterday Gooch drove him with mas-

Kirtley could afford a smile at the end of the day. He finished with four wickets, in-cluding that of Gooch, although he should not dwell on how they came. Gooch, after striking 13 fours in his 129-ball innings, offered a tame caught and bowled, Ronnie Irani drove straight to cover off the back foot and Robert

sive authority.

Sussex started the day on 19.3 overs. 361 for eight and Essex wrapped up the innings in 13 balls. But Essex, with no one producing a major innings, looked in danger of not making 350 for a maximum four batting points until some late

frolics by the tailenders. They were well placed at 115 for one at lunch, with Gooch on 60 and Nasser Hussain 36 But Husesin was out for 44 chasing a wide delivery from Vasbert Drakes, Gooch was third out at 167, Prichard fell almost immediately and when Stuart Law drove the off-spinner Nicky Phillips to mid-off the score was 348 and a meaningful lead was beyond

Some late hitting by Irani (43), Rollins (29). Ashley Cowan (34) and Peter Such (19) saw Essex to 360, three runs behind.

Notts ripped apart by ' Gough's blast

AN EXPLOSIVE burst of bowling by Darren Gough gave Yorkshire vic-tory by an innings and six runs over Nottingham shire at Scarborough. In an in-spired spell of 21 balls he claimed four for six as the visitors, reasonably com-fortable on 83 for two, lost their last eight wickets for 34 runs. Gough finished with six

for 36 - his best figures this season — and his match return of nine for 62 was his best since 1993 when he claimed 10 Somerset wickets for 96. Once he found his rhythm

in his second spell Gough tore through the Notting-hamshire order, taking all his wickets for 18 runs in

At Northampton, Mal Loye and Kevin Curran inspired one of Northamptonshire's most convincing batting performances of the season to give them a firstinnings lead over Lancashire. Loye hit 15 fours in a fluent 90 off 119 balls and Curran weighed in with 85 not out as the home side closed on 357 for five in

reply to 356. Curran came into his own in the final session, bitting a six and nine fours and enjoying stands of 69 with Tim Walton, although he

Earlier, Lancashire lost with four for 73 and Innes claiming a career-best four

Scoreboard

Britannic Assurance

County Championship YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE carborough: Yorks (23pts) best Notis (4)

A Ketteborough c Robinson

Minie c Robinson b Ceurns

White c Robinson b Ceurns

J Blakey c Noon b Ceurns

Gough c & b Ceurns

J Harisey b Alford

E W Silverwood not out

3 D Stemp b Ceurns

Extras (b3. lb6. nb82)

1-33-2
TTINGHAMSHIRE Second birdings
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Pollard b Stemp 30
Robinson tow b White 27
Archer live b White 1
Johnson c White b Gough 14
Cairne b Gough 9
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F Archer low b White

Johnson c White b Gough

P Downen b Gough

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Total (54.3 evers) 1417 Fails S3, 81, 83, 84, 91, 92, 97, 117, 117. Bowlings Gough 16.3-4-36-6; Silverwood 7-1-14-0; Hariley 8-3-15-0; Stemp 16-5-23-2; White 6-1-15-2. w: Worcestershu's (7pts) trail rshire (5) by 21 runs with hero s wickers alanding

slanding. age (overnight 328-9)

Total (113 overs) 334 Falls 5, 11, 13, 37, 119, 189, 237, 336, 326, Bowilings Sherryar 13-1-52-2; Moody 35-18-67-6, Lampit 22-4-83-0, Leather dale 12-3-47-1; Blingworth 19-6-52-0; So-lant (12-7-23-1

Total (for 5, 75 5 overs)

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To bet: †A N Aymes. D A Mascurenhas. R J Manu, 1 N B Bowll. S J Renshaw. Boweling: McCague 21–5-67–1; Houstey 13–4-58–1; Eathern 19.3–7-48–9; Patai 8–0–19–0; Hopper 3–1–16–0; Fisming 5–0-36–0.

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T J G O'Gorman b Brown
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W S Kendall Ibv b Headley 34
P A Smith b Eatham 60
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PV Simmons b Campbell 171
P A Necon not obl 103
Extras (b10, u5, nb44) 59

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Total for 6 dec. 59.2 overs) ______ 516
Fall of wickets cont: 516.
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D J Miline, A D Multally.
Bowlings Brown 26-4-108-1: Bella
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9-1-77-0: Blenkiron 13-3-51-1; Campbell
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R J Kirtley c Law b Cowen
Extres (615)

Total (102.1 overs) 383.
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ESSEX First Innings
G A Gooch c & b Kirtley
A P Grayson five b Salisbury
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A P Cowan b Salisbury P M Such b Salisbury S J W Andrew not out Extras (b2, lb14, w7, nb6) ...

Total (99.2 evers) 380
Fall of witchests 54, 135, 167, 171, 246, 268, 273, 289, 351.
Bowlings Drakes 14-2-67-1, Law 11-3-39-0; Kiriley 23-3-84-4; Salisbury 23-3-94-3; Philips 21-4-54-2; Lenham 2-0-6-0. SUSSEX Second funlage

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Extres (89, w5, nb32) 377, 322, 338.

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A C Cottom C Brown b Johnson
H J Turner c Hewitt b Hewitt
J I D Kerv not out
A R Gaddick c Tufnell b Dutch
K J Shine b Dutch
Extres (62, 164)

Total (172 overs) 486
Fall of wicksta centr 299, 416, 512, 485.
Score at 120 overse 8-334.
Bowling: Fracer 29-4-39-1; Johnson 30-5-89-3; Hewitz 33-8-118-2; Tufneli 45-19-88-1; Weekst 28-4-85-0; Dutch 7-2-25-3.

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P N Wookes not out
J C Pooley c Turner a Shine
M R Rumprakash c & b Shine
O A Shah not out
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NORTHAMPTOMSHIRE V LANC

Total (110.1 overs) 386 Fall of wickests cent: 237. Severling: Taylor 27.1-6-73-4; Hughes 18-3-72-0; Penberthy 14-4-49-1; Brape 25-6-75-1; Ireas 22-3-61-4; R J Balley 3-0-5-0.

NORTHAMPTOSEMBRE First landings R J Warren tow b Groom _____ 31 M B Loye c Galifan b Watkingon ____ 90 "R J Balley tow b Groom ____ 41 M Curren not out
C Walton c Fairbrotter b Yaise
L Packertly c Fairbrotter b Martin
J Innes not out
press (b3, lb13)

19-5-67-1; 15-2-55-1

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sedski (GB) 1-6, 6-1, 6-3. IANIAN OPEN (Bucharest)

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Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York 72, De-troit 3, Cleveland 11, Caldorole 2, Chicago 11, Baitmore 3, Seatus 8, Karsas City 5, Minnesota 4, Callend 3 (12 Imms), Milwau-kee 15, Tocas 4, MATTOMAL LEAGUE: Houston 4, Phila-delphia 1; Colorado 76, Aflanta 8; Montreel 5, Florida 4; Los Angeles 4, St Louis 1; Pussburgh 10, San Francisco 4. Cricket

FIRST TEST: Colomber Sri Lanka 394 (A Renalunga 75, R Leitweithegrana 71, A Gurusinhe 52; Streak 3-54). Zimbabwe 145 and 20-0. SECOND XI CHAMPPONSHIP: ON Trad-SECOND XI CHAMPRONSHIP Die Traf-bard: Warts 321 M.A. Wogh 71. M.A. Shelich Sénor, Keedy 6-95) and 206 (M.J. Powell 94; Keedy 6-70). Lancs 517 (P.C. McKowan 161, A. Finnoll 103, P.R. Sleep 85; Edmand 6-103) and 14-0. Lancs won by 10 wickets. Southampton: Hanb 215 (W. Swarbrick 66, L. Bocham 68) and 228. Leica 489 (S. Richardson 78, D. Williamson 69). Lates won by an favinga and 46 runs.

Cycling TOUR OF SPAIR: Seventh stage (150mp: 1. F Baidato (II) MG 4hr 8min Stace: 2. G Lombard (II) MG: 3. M Sclandri (GB) Motorole all same time, Overall estandlingte: 1. Baidato 3thr Shroh Zsec; 2. Jalabon at 22sec; 3, Lombard 25.

ice Hockey BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Quality-lag round: Medway 1, Bracknell 13. Motor Sport

EARC INTERNATIONAL RALLY (atter 17 stages): 1. A Schwarz (Monte Carlo) Toyota Cellas G14 24r Imin 19sec; 2. M Higgins (Carno) Nissen Sunny G11 2-04.50: 3. K Gottlicher (Vienna) Ford Escort Cos-worth 2:09.45.

Sailing 505 MATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hayling is): Race 62 1, G Carvetty/ Mitchell 8464; 2, R Larly/N Fulcher 8600, 3, 1 Pennell/M Darling 8824. Overall stand-lage: 1, J Robinson/B Masterman 8461; 2, i Bartler/D Criops 8510; 3, G Carveth/I Mitchall 8464.

contributed only seven, and 46 with Kevin Innes. their last two wickets for 19, Paul Taylor finishing

Reading win

Europe bid

Part Rowley

READING have had their bid accepted to stage the 1997 European Cup Winners' the club's splendid venue at

Sonning on March 28-31. Having won their first national title by beating Old Loughtonians on strokes in the HA Cup final, Reading will now become the first club to host a European event on

their own ground. A fortnight before the National League starts, Read-ing are off to Hürth, Germany, to play the Swiss national team twice this weekend. Ipswich Ladies, the AEWHA Cup holders, have to

go to Kampong in the Nether-lands for their Cup Winners' Cup competition but at least they have a good draw, avoiding German and Dutch sides until classification matches. Hightown, the Women's National League winners, also go to the Netherlands to the HGC club - for the European Club Championship in May. Cannock, having to play in the men's B division of that competition, will travel to Cagliari in Sardinia where the World Cup prelimi-

land and Wales, takes place in a fortnight's time.

Several men's National League clubs have their first taste of the no-offside rule in competition at tournaments

nary, involving Ireland, Scot-

SUNTORY ASIAN CLASSIC (Bangkok): Guarter-finals & Margon (Eng) bi T Drago (Meha) 5-4.

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Simmons simmers Leicestershire power to top of the table

The Guardian

Clubs push for British league

Robert Armstrong reports on the latest upheavals to shake rugby union

NGLISH club owners are ready to set up a British league. They will take a fresh turn on their divergent course away from the Rugby Football Union when they meet repre-sentatives of the top Scottish clubs in Edinburgh tomorrow to promote a plan for a new competition to be called the

Super 16.
Sir John Hall of Newcastle,
Chris Wright of Wasps, Nigel
Wray of Saracens and Ashley
Levett of Richmond are among the business magnates expected to set out a detailed blueprint for Britain's rugby future at the elite club level.

The Anglo-Scottish summit comes only 48 hours after England's leading players formally backed the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) in the dispute with the RFU, despite the offer of

'Club rugby can only be a winner if it sharpens its competitive edge'

RFU contracts worth up to £70,000 a season each. A meet-Longon yesterday b tween the players and Epruc officials gave renewed impetus to the clubs' warning that they intend to break away from the RFU on October 11.

The clubs have already begun negotiations with major sponsors and television companies with the aim of achieving fully independent status by the start of next season. It is virtually certain that the top players will not sign RFU contracts, though that does not necessarily debar them from playing for Eng-land in this season's

internationals.
The Super 16 will consist of six clubs each from England and Wales and four from Scotland, though there is a proposal initially to have seven English and three Scottish clubs. Each club will play 30

ity opposition, with the national leagues serving as regionalised lower divisions. It is hoped to start the new competition next September.

According to a project consultant advising the clubs. "there is an urgent need to transform every league game involving the top clubs into a high-profile event in order to maximize reverse from all maximise revenue from all sources. That can only be achieved by pooling the availpremier league that commands respectable TV ratings throughout Britain. Club rugby can only be a winner with the wider public if it sharpens its competitive edge

Scottish clubs have a special incentive to take part in the Super 16 since their exclusion from the European Cup by the Scottish Rugby Union, which has opted instead to enter district teams. British clubs have also

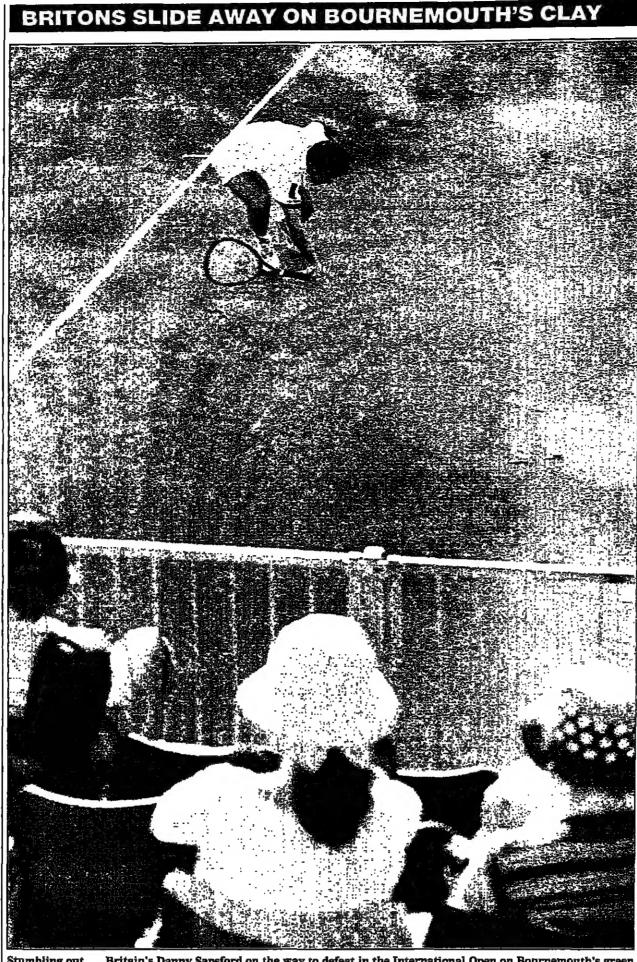
begun informal talks with their counterparts in Austra-lia and South Africa with a view to staging a world club competition each summer. That tournament would rotate annually among the three nations, who would put forward a total of 12 clubs, including five from Britain.

The infrastructure of English rugby is about to undergo radical and probably painful surgery now that the elite players have distanced themselves firmly from last season's employer, the RFU. in favour of their current pay-masters, Epruc. In a formal statement yesterday Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, alaborated on the issues that precipitated last week's boy cott of an England squad session at Bisham Abbey.

"In order to break the deadtional squad have entered into an accord with Epruc Ltd concerning their availability for RFU representative teams including the England team." Kerr said.

"The interests of English rugby will best be served by a strong professional club structure supporting over 500 professionals who will be available to England, rather than a small elite group of players. The issue is not one of money; the players have committed themselves to a professional game and many have given up jobs. The players want rugby union at club and international level to flourish and have a positive belief in a future comprising successful clubs and a suc-cessful national side."

games a season against qual- | More rugby union, page 21



Stumbling out . . . Britain's Danny Sapsford on the way to defeat in the International Open on Bournemouth's green clay yesterday. The top seed, Spain's Alberto Costa, won their quarter-final 6-1, 6-1 after Britain's other survivor, Greg Rusedski, had gone down in three sets to Jason Stoltenberg of Australia. Report, page 9.

Quiz Answers

1. (c) Cherle Blair, rec ing the dish in her role as guest editor of Prima.
2. The co-pilot of flight BA8370 from Eirmingham to Milan. Well the plane was at 33,000 feet.

2. (c) Just west of Slovenia. Umberto Bossi has declared the northern third of Italy inde-pendent and called it Padania. 4. (c) Catherine Cookson 5. (a) Sondra Locke, his former

6. George Graham, appoint manager of Leeds United. 7. Nothing, though critics suggested his proposed 1,265-foo Millennium Tower resembled the much-loved cocktail snack. 8. (a) and (c). Neither the writer nor the star were there, but Jemima Kham hosted the ever 9. Princesses Stephanie and

Caroline of Monaco. 10, (c) Marianne Faithfull

11. (b) Emma Nicholson 12. (a) Pulp 13. The Sodor branch line, 13. The south branch line, home of Thomas the Tank Engine and the Fat Controller 14. Cosmo Lang, Architishop from 1928-42, who according

15. (c) Stephen Norris How you rate: 0-4 Gheridn 5-9 Courgette 10-14 Cuc 15 Paltrow

Seventies a golden soccer age to boot



David Lacey

HERE seems to be a move afoot to represen the Seventies as a golden time for English football. If so it should be stamped on forthwith, and not just because England failed to make a major tournament between 1970 and 1980. It is easy to see how such a

notion might arise, especially when even the latest influx of foreign players has failed to inspire a resurgence among English teams in Europe. After all, the Seventies began with Manchester City and Chelsea winning the Cup Win-ners' Cup, and Arsenal, Leeds, Tottenham and Liverpool the Fairs and Uefa cups. They ended with the European Cup going to Liverpool (twice) and Nottingham Forest.

At home, Arsenal com-pleted the Double and Liverpool began to win the champi onship on a regular basis. In between times the title went to Leeds United, the best team of the Seventies. The rest largely belonged to Brian Clough. Sunderland's defeat of

Leeds in the 1973 FA Cupfinal remains a giant-killing to cherish. The football played by Dave Sexton's Queens Park Rangers side still warms the memory, along with Bobby Robson's Ipswich. Such happenings, however

were merely flickering candles in a dark age. In the Seventies the ugliness of the violence on the terraces often mirrored scenes on the field. Hooliganism, nurtured in the Sixties and reaching a fatal nadir in the Eighties, was rampant in the decade between.

Supporters were segregated and fenced in. Visiting fans a to and from grounds. Still the mayhem went on, at bome and abroad. Looking back, the responses of the football authorities to the problem appear even more feeble than they did at the time. Sitting safely in a Pre-

miership ground now it is

hard to believe that the game let things deteriorate so far. We kept being told that it was not a football problem.

The Ibrox tragedy of 1971 led to the Safety at Sports Grounds Act of 1975, but it took the Eighties and Hillsbor ough, where a safety crisis was wrongly diagnosed as a security threat, to purge the game of Seventies attitudes. There were times, too, when what we were watching ap-

what we warring ap-peared irredeemably flawed. Don Revie's Leeds teams might have led the way in cynicism from the mid-Sixties onwards but they had their imitators. Now another season has egun with a glut of yellow and red cards, and dis-gruntled managers are acrus ing referees of ruining the game. But whenever television shows the immaculately coiffured footballers of the Seventies kicking lumps off one another, when they were not actually fighting, it is

clear that the only people who ever came close to doing this vere the players. The 1970 FA Cup final replay between Chelsea and Leeds, which plumbed new depths even by the standards of the time, prompted the first "refs' revolution", which saw players booked and sent off for offences that had become second nature to them. But until recently the need to deal with the tackle that took man

before ball was ignored. Those who happily backed paths through the early Seven ties would be given short shrift now. It would hardly be worth Peter Storey taking the field. Jack Charlton would soon be arguing his way to an early bath. Even Vinnie Jones might wonder what on earth the game was coming to.

HE careers of players such as George Best and Charlie George, both victims of laisse: faire attitudes towards foul play, might have been ex-tended in the present climate In the Seventies there were periods when English footba always physical within accepted limits, seemed set on kicking itself to death.

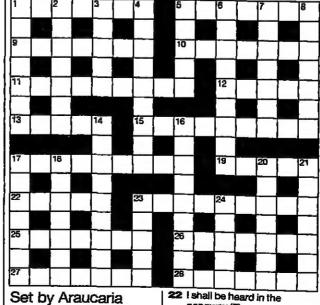
SO DY ALL ID game's lost democracy and a time when OPR, Ipswich and West Bromwich Albion could pionship. But football is more fun to watch now than it was 20 years ago. And it may even be more fun to play.

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Across 1,5 Steamy, fruity affair giving the government something to prove? (7,7)

9 Muppet show needs oxygen to raise the speed (2-5) 10 Illuminated period for student, to be exact (7) 11 I would like leader in board

game to be s.p. (9) 12 Island often conned (5) 13 Trademark's the Word (5) 15 See 21

17 Bird and beast for Banbury could give shock to the core (9) 19 Land where one doesn't

gangway (5) 23 Everyman book? One

number made funny money proposed by another (4-5) 25,26 Sort of sandwich with whisky, the ultimate folly?

27 Put one's name down once more for green rolling? (2-5) 28 Journalist holds a gun in Tower Hamlets (4,3)

Down 1,17 Assembly for mechanic or club for aldermen etc.? (7,7) 2,18 An article on firm's inside to be about a swimsuit? (7,7)

3 Wandering? On the contrary,

Ruddles County Riddles. No. 11. Heads you win

Adam who works at

Reddles Brewery in Restand decided to take a beliday in

the Highlands of Scotland to smell the heather rether then

the hops for a change. He leved the scenery but

ke had a little trouble with the "heavy" preferring the familiar taste of Ruddles

County which is so accessible in most of Britain but

somewhat barder to find in the mountains of Scotland. After 10 days even the beauty of the scenary began to pail and the memory of his beloved

Ruddles (so year yet so far away) started to get to him. To take his mind off things

and for went of something better to do he decided to bave his bair out.

He west in to the only barber shop for miles around to find the two resident barbers. Adam noticed

immediately that the one

called Hamish had as appealing haircut, while the other who was known as

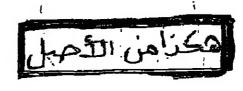
"Bravehead" kad a nightmarish mop of hair. Being a shrewd Sassanach

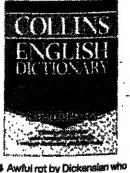
for all his quiet ways, Adam knew his choice of barber was crifical.

However be chose correctly and left with a smart trim.

Who did Adam choose to







4 Awiul rot by Dickensian who lavs on the flattery? (9)

5 Law enforcers in Edinburgh or Athens? (5) 6 Enticed to building to make discovery? (9)

7 Middle-Easterner is King of Britain raised on Island (7) 8 See 20 14 Berries scattered round

church by German writer, Welsh translator, or furniture maker (9) 16 Docile has a D in it that can

17 See 1 down 18 See 2

20,8 Visualise gods providing clergy are lit up (7,7)
21,15 Termed 21 competence to be company property? (7,9)

23 Fifth lane up for greasing? (5) 24 Thinks of 9 (5)



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